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Seventeenth Annual Meeting.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States at its Annual Sessions, in Carlisle, Pa., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-nine. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the eighth and continued until the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, inclusive, at 10½ o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened in the Reformed Church of Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 8th, A.D. 1889, at 7 o'clock, agreeably to appointment of the last annual meeting, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. W. R. H. Detrich, from John 16: 7—"Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you: but if I depart, I will send him unto you." At the conclusion of the sermon, the President called the Synod to order, and formally opened it with prayer. The provisional Synodic roll was then called, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ZION.

Ministers :—Alfred F. Dreisbach,¹ Jacob O. Miller, D.D.,² Oliver P. Schellhamer,²¹ and Aaron Wanner, D.D.³⁵

Elders :—Charles A. Shultz and George Butcher.⁴

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Ministers :—Barton R. Carnahan, T. Franklin Hoffmeier, Adam S. Weber,¹ Joseph W. Santee, D.D., Conrad Clever, D.D.,¹ Simon S. Miller, Silas M. Hench, J. Marion Mickly, Joel T. Rossiter¹ and Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D.

Elders :—Jacob H. Cost, John A. Steiner,¹ James R. Reily, M.D.,⁶ George Harbaugh, Goldsborough S. Griffith, Edmund S. Everhart,¹ John Q. Lough and George M. Harbaugh.

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers :—William C. Cremer, Franklin F. Bahner, Isaac M. Motter, Jacob Hassler and Jonas B. Shontz.^k

Elders :—William Bossart, Lewis Detrich, Henry Omwake,^o George R. Colliflower¹ and Isaac H. Keefer.^h

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Ministers :—Alpha K. Kline, Samuel N. Callender, D.D., John A. Hoffheins, Henry St. John Rinker and Addison C. Snyder.

Elders :—William A. Pence, John A. Switzer, William H. Bargelt,^{4*}
Daniel S. Renth⁴ and Henry J. Seibert.⁵

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Minister :—Lewis Reiter.

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

Ministers :—Ambrose C. Geary, William H. Herbert, Benjamin F. Bausmann, David N. Dittmar⁴ and John C. Bowman.⁵

Elders :—Daniel S. Chronister,^b Joseph Gelbach, Greenbury W. Weaver⁵ and James A. Lefevre.⁴¹

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

Ministers :—William I. Stewart, Amos H. Kremer, D.D., J. David Miller and Abraham B. Stoner.

Elders :—Daniel Shearer, Adam Heberlig and Jacob Wetzel.

VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF JUNIATA.

Ministers :—John W. Pontius, Cyrus J. Musser, R. Leighton Gerhart, Christian W. Summey, Andrew T. G. Apple⁴ and Samuel C. Long.⁴¹

Elders :—Josiah C. Sanders, Edward T. Gernand⁴¹ and John Brewster.⁵

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

No delegates present.

X. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PORTLAND—OREGON.

No delegates present.

The figure at the end of a name indicates the session at which a delegate, who was not present at the opening of the Synod, took his seat.

The letters in their order indicate the session at which delegates obtained leave of absence.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick was admitted to the seat of the Rev. J. B. Shontz during the sessions of Friday and Saturday forenoon, and the seat of Rev. I. M. Motter during the sessions of Saturday afternoon and Monday.

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod, namely:

Maryland Classis.—Revs. E. Ranson Deatrick, George A. Snyder, William Goodrich, George A. Whitmore and Calvin S. Slagle.

Zion's Classis.—Revs. Aaron H. Leisse and Ambrose D. Gring.

Mercersburg Classis.—Revs. William M. Deatrick, D.D., Cyrus Cort, P. Allison Long, George W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., and Elders William Dice, Jacob Heyser, John Bowman and George Dice.

Curtis Classis.—Revs. Wm. R. H. Deatrick, George E. Addams, Stewart U. Mitman, and Elders Henry M. Cocklin and John B. Shulenberg.

Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church.—Revs. E. E. Higbee, D.D., J. S. Stahr, Ph.D., T. M. Yundt, A. S. Leinbach, D.D., J. P. Stein, J. W. Meminger, G. W. Snyder, A. C. Whitmer, A. R. Bartholomew, H. T. Spangler, T. G. Apple, D.D., LL.D., C. G. Fisher, E. N. Kremer, E. V.

Gerhart, D.D., LL.D., W. M. Reily, Ph.D., M. H. Sangree, and Elders Wm. H. Seibert and Daniel Miller.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Revs. S. T. Wagner and G. M. Zacharias.

The presence of Rev. M. Oshikawa, of the United Church of Japan, was announced, and he was welcomed to a seat in the Synod.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence was announced from time to time of Revs. Drs. Reed and Harman, and Rev. I. H. Correll of the Methodist Church; Revs. H. B. Wile and G. F. Kautz, of the Lutheran Church; Revs. Dr. Norcross and E. D. Mapes, of the Presbyterian Church; and Revs. J. W. Harzler and W. W. Rhodes, of the Evangelical Association.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. S. S. Miller, *President*, Boonsboro', Md.

Elder J. A. Steiner, *Vice-President*, Frederick, Md.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. C. J. Musser, *Corresponding Secretary*, Huntingdon, Pa.

Elder Henry Wirt, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

Rev. B. R. Carnahan, *Reading Clerk*, Keedysville, Md.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Agreeably to the Rules of Order, the *Bar of the House* was defined to consist of the first seven pews from the chancel railing.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of Synod, to wit: The morning sessions to open at 9 and close at $11\frac{3}{4}$ o'clock; the afternoon sessions to begin at 2 and end at $4\frac{3}{4}$ o'clock; and the evening business sessions to commence at 7 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. A. H. Kremer, A. B. Stoner, C. W. Summey, and Elders A. Heberlig and G. W. Weaver.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, B. F. Bausmann, A. F. Dreisbach, and Elders D. S. Chronister and G. M. Harbaugh.

Overtures.—Revs. J. M. Mickly, J. B. Shantz, A. C. Snyder, and Elders J. R. Reily and G. Butcher.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. B. R. Carnahan, J. D. Miller, I. M. Motter, and Elders E. S. Everhart and H. Omwake.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. S. N. Callender, J. T. Rossiter, J. Hassler, and Elders G. S. Griffith and L. Detrich.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports.—Revs. W. I. Stewart, J. W. Santee, J. T. Rossiter, and Elders W. A. Pence and J. H. Cost.

Education.—Revs. L. Reiter, W. C. Cremer, C. Clever, and Elders W. A. Pence and J. Wetzel.

Missions.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, F. F. Bahner, J. D. Miller, and Elders C. A. Shultz and J. Gelbach.

Publication.—Revs. E. R. Eschbach, A. K. Kline, R. L. Gerhart, and Elders J. A. Steiner and J. C. Sanders.

Finance.—Revs. A. S. Weber, J. W. Pontius, W. H. Herbert, and Elders J. A. Switzer and G. Harbaugh.

Nominations.—Revs. J. O. Miller, H. St. J. Rinker, S. M. Hench, and Elders G. R. Colliflower and J. Q. Lough.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. T. F. Hoffmeier, A. Wanner, A. T. G. Apple, and Elders W. Bossart and D. Sheaffer.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata and Portland-Oregon were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, the Superintendent of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received, and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read and disposed of without reference. It will be found in its proper place.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

Your Committee on Religious Services begs leave to report the following appointments for services:

REFORMED CHURCH.

Wednesday Evening.—Sunday-school Anniversary. Elder G. S. Griffith to preside. First topic: Music in the Sunday-school. Its style; its theme; its relation to congregational singing, by Revs. W. C. Cremer and R. L. Gerhart. Second topic: How can we induce the scholars to search the Scriptures more thoroughly, by Revs. E. R. Deatrick and C. Clever.

Thursday Evening.—Anniversary of Foreign Missions. Rev. S. M. Hench to preside. Addresses by Revs. A. Wanner, M. Oshikawa, J. W. Hartzler and A. D. Gring.

Friday Evening.—Semi-Centennial Jubilee of the Ministry of Pastor A. H. Kremer. Deacon J. W. Wetzel, Esq., to preside. Addresses by Hon. Theodore Cornman, Rev. E. R. Eschbach, Rev. Dr. Norcross and others.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory Services. Sermon by Rev. W. I. Stewart. Liturgical Service by Rev. H. St. J. Rinker.

Saturday Evening.—Educational Meeting. Rev. J. W. Pontious to preside. Our Literary and Theological Institutions. Addresses by Revs. B. R. Carnahan, J. C. Bowman and Dr. E. V. Gerhart, to be followed by brief voluntary speeches.

Sunday Morning.—Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. J. O. Miller. Liturgical Services by the officers of Synod.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday-school Meeting. Superintendent T. Cornman to preside. Addresses by Revs. C. Clever and B. F. Bausmann.

Sunday Evening.—Anniversary of Home Missions. Rev. L. Reiter to preside. Addresses by Revs. A. C. Whitmer, J. W. Santee and C. Clever.

OTHER CHURCHES.

First Presbyterian Church.—Morning, Rev. E. R. Eschbach. Evening, Rev. R. L. Gerhart.

Second Presbyterian Church.—Morning, Rev. C. Clever. Evening, Rev. E. V. Gerhart.

Methodist Church.—Morning, Rev. S. N. Callender. Evening, Rev. T. G. Apple.

First Lutheran Church.—Morning, Rev. J. W. Santee. Evening, Rev. S. M. Hench.

St. Paul's Evangelical Association.—Morning, Rev. A. C. Geary.

Landisburg Charge.—Revs. J. D. Miller and J. Hassier.

Mechanicsburg Church.—Revs. A. T. G. Apple and I. M. Motter.

Shippensburg Church.—Rev. A. C. Snyder.

Carlisle Springs Charge.—Rev. S. T. Wagner. Respectfully submitted,
A. H. KREMER, Chairman.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday forenoon this Committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: Your committee, to whom were referred the Printed Minutes of the Synod of last year for examination, after careful inspection of them, begs leave to report the following items as claiming, in our judgment, the consideration and notice of the present sessions of the Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 5. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it will be to report to the present meeting of the Synod, of which committee the Rev. C. J. Musser is chairman.

Item 2, page 25. It will be necessary to nominate, for election by the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, three members of the Board of Visitors and six members likewise of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., for the term of one year.

Item 3, page 25. It will be the duty of the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Education, to fill the places of those whose term of service is about to expire by limitation.

Item 4, page 25. It will be necessary for the Synod to fill, by election, the vacancies that are about to take place in the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College of those members whose term of office will end during the present month.

Item 5, page 38. The Classes are respectfully urged to pay their apportionments in full for Home Missions and Church Building; and they are also requested to increase their contributions, if possible.

Item 6, page 38. The Classes are instructed to adopt a systematic plan of securing offerings for missions from both congregations and Sunday-schools, as it may be best for each community.

Item 7, page 38. The Corresponding Secretary is instructed to send a copy of Synod's resolutions on Missions to every pastor, and in case of vacant charges to the consistories of such charges.

Item 8, page 39. A committee is appointed, of which Rev. T. J. Barkley is chairman, to co-operate in the management of mission work in Baltimore City.

Item 9, page 39. It will be necessary to elect two members of the Synodic Board of Missions in order to fill the vacancies in said Board, which are about to take place.

Item 10, page 42. Apportionments for Home Missions, Church Building Fund, Church Extension in Baltimore, and Beneficiary Education, and Assessments for Contingent Fund, Mercersburg College, Theological Seminary and Deficit of Virginia Classis.

Item 11, page 43. Arrearages on Apportionments for Washington Mission Chapel, Wichita College, Roanoke Mission changed to Church Extension, Harbor Missions, Bohemian Church, and Beneficiary Education, and Assessments for Contingent Fund, Mercersburg College and Theological Seminary.

Item 12, page 44. It will be necessary to elect a member of Synod's Board of Trustees to fill the place of Dr. Lewis H. Steiner, whose term of office will end on the 1st of January next, agreeably to the charter.

Item 13, page 46. A committee is appointed, of which Rev. C. Cort is chairman, to consider the overture from the Maryland Classis to the General Synod through this Synod, requesting that such lessons be selected for the Sunday-school as will harmonize with the Church Year. The committee is also authorized and directed to confer with representatives of other churches, having similar views and customs respecting the Church Year, and also with the International Sunday-school Committee, in order to secure unity of action to the largest possible degree.

Item 14, page 46. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Sunday-

school Board to fill the vacancy that will occur therein during the present sessions of the Synod.

Item 15, page 46. The Board of Education is authorized to secure an act of incorporation or charter from the Court of Franklin County, Pa.

Item 16, page 51. A committee is appointed, of which Rev. S. N. Callender is chairman, who, with like committees from the Synods of Pittsburgh and the Reformed Church in the United States, shall jointly confer with the Rev. C. G. Fisher for the correction of all difficulties which may be felt to exist in the sale and lease of the publication interests to the latter. This Committee of Conference is also empowered to act in behalf of this Synod as a commission to select an editor-in-chief, in conjunction with the representatives of the other two Synods.

Item 17, page 52. The Stated Clerk is directed to have the usual number of copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting published, at the lowest possible cost, in substantial form.

Item 18, page 54. The special attention of the several Classes is called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and they are requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection at least annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical Year.

Item 19. It will be necessary to assess three hundred dollars upon the Classes to meet the pledge of the Synod, made three years ago, for interest on Mercersburg College debt.

Item 20. It will also be necessary to apportion five hundred dollars upon the Classes to meet the pledge of the Synod, made two years ago, for Church Extension in Baltimore City.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XXII., Ministerial Necrology; on items 2 and 15, see Article XIII., Education; items 3, 4, 9, 12 and 14 were referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations to make the required nominations; items 5, 6 and 18 were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, to ascertain the action of the Classes on those items; the Corresponding Secretary reported that he had attended to the duty assigned in item 7; the committee in item 8 failed to report; on items 10 and 11, see Article XIV., Missions, and also Article XV., Finance; on items 19 and 20, see Article XV., Finance; on item 13, see Article XVIII., Sunday-schools; on items 16 and 17, see Article XX., Publication.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and acted on item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands for examination, to wit:

Item 1. Notices of Book, the Life and Work of John Williamson Nevin, D.D., LL.D., by the Committee of Publication.

Item 2. Report of Bethany Orphans' Home, at Womelsdorf, Pa.

Item 3. Report of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, at Butler, Pa.

Item 4. Copies of the *Mercersburg College Monthly*, for distribution among the members of Synod.

Item 5. Papers relating to the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

Item 6. Extract from the proceedings of the Pittsburgh Synod, informing this Synod of its action touching the election of an Editor-in-Chief for the *Reformed Church Messenger*.

Item 7. Statement of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church.

Item 8. Extract from the Minutes of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, in reference to the Unification of the Home Mission work of the whole Church, and the report of the committee on the same.

Item 9. Action adopted by the Eastern Synod in regard to our Publication Interests.

Item 10. Paper from the same Synod, referring to the title, etc., of the Professorship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., in course of endowment by this Synod.

Item 11. Copy of Catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College and Theological Seminary for 1888-89.

Item 12. Letter from the pastor of the Reformed Church at Johnstown, Pa., making certain requests.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. MICKLY, *Chairman.*

For action of Synod on items 1, 2, 3 and 7, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; item 4 was adopted; on item 5 the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip be commended to the consideration of the pastors of the Synod; items 6 and 9 were referred to the Committee on Publication; item 8 was referred to the Committee on Missions; item 10 was adopted as having been attended to last year already; item 11 was referred to the Committee on Education; and item 12 was referred to the Executive Council of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of Classes presented its report during the session of Friday forenoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report as adopted, is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to present the following report. The Minutes of all the Classes, except San Francisco, for the past year, have been placed in our hands. From these the following items have been obtained:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Maryland Classis appointed an elder on the Committee of Installation, to install a pastor.
2. Virginia, Carlisle and Juniata Classes fail to attest the copies of their Minutes with the impress of their respective seals.
3. San Francisco Classis fails to furnish a copy of its Minutes.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. Maryland Classis requests the Synod to excuse it from the deficit of the Virginia Classis assessed upon it last year.
5. North Carolina Classis requests the Synod to be relieved from future apportionments for Church Extension in Baltimore and for Mercersburg College.

6. Carlisle Classis requests the Synod to excuse those charges on apportionments for Home Missions, Mercersburg College and Theological Seminary, which have contributed to the same in other directions.

7. Gettysburg Classis requests the Synod to apportion for Home Missions on the basis of three-fourths of its membership.

8. The same Classis requests to be relieved from assessment for Mercersburg College.

9. The same Classis asks to be exonerated from the payment of its arrearages for Beneficiary Education and Mercersburg College.

10. Mercersburg Classis requests the Synod to lessen its apportionments and assessments in future.

11. Virginia Classis refers to the Synod the request from officers and members of a Sunday-school at Falling Waters, West Va., for aid in the erection of a building in which to hold the Sunday-school and preaching.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

12. J. W. Meyer appeals from the action of the Maryland Classis, in suspending him from the Christian Ministry.

13. Rev. C. Cort complains against the action of Mercersburg Classis, in adopting a substitute, declaring the appeal of Theodore Koons and Henry S. Walck from the action of the spiritual council of the Greencastle Congregation in suspending them from Church membership, to be in order.

14. Rev. C. Cort appeals to the Synod from the action of Mercersburg Classis, in sustaining the appeal of Theodore Koons and Henry S. Walck.

15. Rev. C. Cort, in behalf of Elders D. S. Barnhart and J. Fuss, gives notice of complaint to the Synod from the action of Mercersburg Classis, in adopting the report of a Special Committee in regard to their charges against the Rev. G. B. Russell.

16. Rev. C. Cort complains to the Synod against the action of Mercersburg Classis in adopting the following action :

“ WHEREAS, The informers in this case, Elders D. S. Barnhart and J. Fuss, are not prepared to give any evidence in the case; therefore,

“ Reso'ved, That the whole matter be dropped, without any prejudice to Rev. G. B. Russell.”

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

17. Maryland Classis took favorable action on all subjects referred to it, except deficit of Virginia Classis, Church Building and Beneficiary Education.

18. Mercersburg Classis took favorable action on all subjects referred to the Classes.

19. Carlisle Classis took favorable action on all references except Home Missions.

20. Gettysburg Classis took favorable action on all subjects referred, except Home Missions, Mercersburg College and Beneficiary Education.

21. Zion's Classis took favorable action on all subjects referred, except Theological Seminary, Mercersburg College, Deficit of Virginia Classis and arrearages.

22. Virginia Classis made no apportionments except for Contingent Fund of Synod and Beneficiary Education.

23. Juniata Classis took favorable action on all subjects referred to the Classes.

24. Portland-Oregon Classis took favorable action on all subjects referred to the Classes.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED AND DISMISSED.

25. Zion's Classis received the Rev. Isaac N. Peightel from the Juniata Classis.

26. Maryland Classis licensed Charles A. Santee, Lloyd E. Coblenz, George C. Erb and George G. Everhart; ordained George C. Erb and Ambrose M. Schmidt; received Rev. Adam S. Weber from the Wichita Classis, Rev. George A. Whitmore from the Virginia Classis, Rev. Newton J. Miller from the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod and the licentiate Ambrose M. Schmidt from the Gettysburg Classis; and dismissed the Rev. William Rupp to the Somerset Classis, the Rev. Nehemiah H. Skyles to the Westmoreland Classis, the Rev. George C. Erb to the Iowa Classis, the licentiate Charles A. Santee to the Kansas Classis and the licentiate Lloyd E. Coblenz to the Juniata Classis. The Maryland Classis suspended James W. Meyer from the office of the Christian Ministry, and struck the name of Rev. Charles F. Sontag from its ministerial roll.

27. Mercersburg Classis licensed J. Harvey Mickley, and dismissed him to the Westmoreland Classis; received the Rev. Zwingli A. Yearick from the West Susquehanna Classis; and dismissed the Rev. J. David Miller to the Carlisle Classis, and the Rev. Jairus A. Wickert to the Lebanon Classis.

28. Virginia Classis licensed John T. Balliet and ordained him to the Holy Ministry; received the Rev. Julius H. Shuford from the North Carolina Classis, and the Rev. Josiah May from the Allegheny Classis; and dismissed the Rev. George A. Whitmore to the Maryland Classis and the Rev. Benjamin F. Bausmann to the Gettysburg Classis.

29. North Carolina Classis licensed Jacob C. Leonard and James M. L. Leyerly; and dismissed the Rev. Julius H. Shuford to the Virginia Classis.

30. Gettysburg Classis licensed Ambrose M. Schmidt, and dismissed him to the Maryland Classis; received the Rev. Benjamin F. Bausmann from the Virginia Classis, the Rev. Joseph D. Peters from the Goshenhoppen Classis, the licentiate Oliver F. Schaeffer from the Lehigh Classis and ordained him to the ministry; and dismissed the Rev. Milton H. Sangree to the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod, Revs. Henry Hilbush and David U. Wolff to the Lebanon Classis, and the Rev. John J. Stouffer to the East Pennsylvania Classis.

31. Carlisle Classis received the Rev. J. David Miller from the Mercersburg Classis; and dismissed the Rev. Samuel S. Meyer to the Presbytery of Oregon.

32. Juniata Classis received the licentiate Lloyd E. Coblenz from the Maryland Classis, and ordained him and the licentiate Samuel C. Stover to the Gospel Ministry; received the Rev. Samuel Z. Beam, D.D., from the Clarion Classis, and the Rev. Robert O'Boyle from the Somerset Classis; and dismissed the Rev. Andrew T. G. Apple to the Maryland Classis.

33. Portland-Oregon Classis received the Rev. Herman Liesmann from the Ursinus Classis; and dismissed the Rev. John B. Braun to the San Francisco Classis.

VI. PLACES AND TIMES OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

34. Zion's Classis will meet in Grace Reformed Church of York, Pa., May 16, A.D. 1890, at 7½ o'clock P.M. Rev. I. N. Peightel, *President*; Rev. I. S. Weisz, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder C. A. Shultz, *Treasurer*.

35. Maryland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Mechanicstown, Frederick County, Md., May 1, A.D. 1890, at 7½ o'clock P.M. Rev. M. L. Firor, *President*; and Rev. S. S. Miller, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

36. Mercersburg Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church of Chambersburg, Pa., May 1, A.D. 1890, at 7½ o'clock P.M. Rev. W. C. Cremer, *President*; and Rev. W. M. Deatruck, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

37. Virginia Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Woodstock, Va., May 14, A.D. 1890, at 7½ o'clock P.M. Rev. J. W. Rauch, *President*; Rev. A. K. Kline, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Treasurer*.

38. North Carolina Classis will meet in Maiden, Catawba County, N. C., April 30, A.D. 1890, at 11 o'clock A.M. Rev. C. B. Heller, *President*; Rev. G. W. Welker, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder H. A. Forney, *Treasurer*.

39. Gettysburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of New Chester, Adams County, Pa., May 22, A.D. 1890, at 7½ o'clock P.M. Rev. A. C. Geary, *President*; Rev. W. K. Zieber, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

40. Carlisle Classis will meet in the church at Carlisle Springs, Cumberland County, Pa., June 12th, A.D. 1890, at 7½ o'clock P.M. Rev. A. H. Kremer, *President*; and Rev. G. E. Addams, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

41. Juniata Classis will meet in the church at Claysburg, Blair County, Pa., May 19th, A.D. 1890, at 7½ o'clock P.M. Rev. A. T. G. Apple, *President*; Rev. D. G. Klein, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. F. A. Rupley, *Treasurer*.

42. Portland-Oregon Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Salem, Oregon, April 10th, A.D. 1890, at 7½ o'clock P.M. Rev. J. Gantenbein, *President*; Rev. J. Muellhaupt, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder J. A. Fischer, *Treasurer*.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. CARNAHAN, *Chairman*.

Item 1 was referred to the officers of Synod for examination, to report next year. Items 2, 3 and 17 to 42 were severally adopted. The requests contained in items 4, 9 and 10 were not granted. The request contained in item 5 was granted. For the action of Synod on items 6, 7 and 8, see Article XV., Finance. On item 11, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous. On items 12 and 14, see Article XVI., Appeals and References. On items 13, 15 and 16, see Article XVII., Complaints.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reports that no applicants for examination were referred to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICS.

Your committee on the State of Religion and Statistics renders the following report of the work given it to do. The reports of the several Classes rehearse what God had done with them who as ministers labored in His service. They planted and watered. The word was preached from the pulpit, and taught in the catechetical class and Sunday-school. God gave the increase. Pious parents brought their children as gifts to the Lord who made them His own in the sacrament of Baptism. Children brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord publicly for themselves renounced the world, the flesh and the

devil, and consecrated themselves in body, soul and spirit to Him who is over all. God blessed for ever.

Not only the covenanted ones heard the call, but also the stranger and aliens. They came asking to see the Saviour who was preached and found Him by faith, and through Him received the forgiveness of sins. And yet the number of adults reported as receiving baptism is small. This may be due to hardness of heart and unbelief on the part of the unconverted or a failure on our part to realize that the field is the world and that we have a message for all. The Holy Communion was administered as a memorial of Christ's death and as a nourishment to the faithful. It was largely attended by those whose duty and privilege it was to be present. But there is room for improvement. To our people opportunities for contributing to the cause of Christ were afforded and accepted, showing that we are growing more and more in Christian liberality. The spiritual condition of the Church appears from the reports to be generally good, although having flaws. These, whether in pastors or people, have not been passed over lightly. The power of the gospel was used to secure the correction of the evil.

For our planting and watering and for God's increase, let us be glad and glorify God. For our mistakes and shortcomings let us humble ourselves before the throne of Almighty God, and then let us rise up in the power of Christ without whom we can do nothing and make the future of our Church better than even the past.

We cannot close our report without mentioning the names of the under-shepherds who fell asleep. Revs. Jacob Ziegler, G. W. Glessner, D.D., W. Augustus Gring and Henry Wissler have gone. They rest from their labors and their works do follow them. May He who is the Father of the fatherless and the Friend of the widow be with their families. May we who remain work whilst it is called to-day, knowing that the night cometh in which no man can work.

"The grace of the Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen."

Respectfully,

W. I. STEWART, *Chairman.*

(For the Statistical Tables, see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education submitted its annual report to the Synod during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The Report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: Your Board of Education begs leave, through its Treasurer, to present the following annual report for the Synodical year just closed:

At the close of the last annual meeting of the Synod at Woodstock, the members of the Board then in attendance, being a quorum or majority, convened and effected an organization by the re-election of Rev. W. C. Cremer as *President*, the election of Rev. J. David Miller as *Secretary*, and the re-election of Rev. W. M. Dearick as *Treasurer* of the Board.

The operations of the Board have gone forward during the past year with increasing success. The number of beneficiary students under the care of the Board, as well as the amount of funds contributed for the cause have both materially increased. Two of the young men under the care of the Board

a year ago, namely, George C. Erb and James B. Stonesifer, completed the prescribed course of training for the holy ministry, were graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., last May, and were regularly licensed and ordained, and are now actively employed in discharging the duties of the ministry of reconciliation; the former serving as a missionary in Iowa and the latter as pastor of one of the pastoral charges of the Pittsburgh Synod.

Whilst two have passed from under our care as beneficiary students, eight others have been enrolled as such, thereby increasing the number under the care and supervision of the Board from twenty-two to twenty-eight. Eight of them are connected with the Seminary at Lancaster, namely: Henry F. Dittmar, Thomas K. Cromer, Francis M. Line, Atvill Conner, Jr., Daniel G. Hetrick, Homer S. May, David M. Wolfe and E. William Stonebraker. Nine are members of Franklin and Marshall College, namely: J. Philip Harner, Lewis T. Lampe, George S. Gill, Louis C. Harnish, Frank L. Kerr, Otto K. Spessard, Louis C. Summer, J. Calvin Bolger and Lewis P. Krome. Eight are pursuing their studies at Mercersburg College, namely: Jacob S. Garrison, David W. Kerr, William E. Bushong, David J. Wolf, Charles E. Wagner, Raymond A. Plank, F. J. Emil Muehe and Charles A. Bushong. Ira L. Bryner, Henry H. Hartman and Joseph M. S. Isenburg are prosecuting their studies at Ursinus College.

The number of beneficiary students under the care and supervision of your Board has thus been largely increased, but we are sorry to be compelled to say, that there has thus far been no corresponding increase in the amount of funds furnished to support these young brethren. The amount of income reported by the Treasurer of the Board is \$3517.01. After deducting the sum in the treasury at our last annual report, \$753 20, the actual receipts are found to be \$2763 81—being \$552.23 less than the amount apportioned for the cause at the last annual meeting of the Synod. It is proper to say, that funds have only come from the Classes of Maryland, Juniata, Mercersburg, Virginia and Carlisle. It will require four thousand dollars at least for the ensuing year to meet the claims of the young men, to whom assistance has been promised as beneficiary students by the several Classes.

Agreeably to the authorization of Synod last autumn, the Board of Education procured an act of incorporation or charter from the Court of Common Pleas of Franklin County, Pa., last April. The application to the Court and the Charter granted are here given in full for the information of the Synod and our membership generally.

APPLICATION FOR CHARTER.

To the Honorable, the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Franklin County, Pa.:

The petition of the undersigned, Rev. Wm. C. Cremer, Rev. J. David Miller, Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D.D., Rev. Wm. I. Stewart and Elder Jacob Heyser, Esq., respectfully represents that they are citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and members of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, associated together for the objects and purposes hereinafter mentioned; and being desirous of having and enjoying all the rights, powers and privileges of a corporation, or body politic, under the Act of Assembly, entitled, "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the Supplements thereto, have prepared and now present the following certificate and articles of association, setting forth the objects and conditions of the organization, and the name, style and title under which they desire to be incorporated.

W.M. C. CREMER.
J. DAVID MILLER.
W.M. M. DEATRICK.
W.M. I. STEWART.
JACOB HEYSEB.

February 21, 1889.

CHARTER.

Article I. The name, style and title of the Corporation shall be—"The Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States."

Article II. This Corporation is formed for purposes other than profit or gain. Its object shall be to obtain funds by gift, bequests, collections and otherwise, for the education of pious but indigent young men for the Gospel Ministry in the Reformed Church in the United States. The annual income of such funds shall not exceed the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars.

Article III. The existence of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

Article IV. Its principal place of business shall be at Mercersburg, Franklin County, Pa., but other places for the transaction of business may, at any time, be designated by the aforesaid Synod.

Article V. The names and residences of the subscribers are as follows: Rev. William C. Cremer, *President*, Chambersburg, Pa.; Rev. J. David Miller, *Secretary*, Shippensburg, Pa.; Rev. William M. Deatrick, D.D., *Treasurer*, Mercersburg, Pa.; Rev. William I. Stewart, Mechanicsburg, Pa.; and Elder Jacob Heyser, Esq., Chambersburg, Pa.

Article VI. The Board of Education aforesaid that shall conduct the operations of the Corporation shall consist of nine members, who shall be elected by the Synod aforesaid, according to its own rules and regulations. The names and residences of the Board of Education, for the present Synodical year, are as follows, to wit: Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D.D., Mercersburg, Pa.; Rev. Joseph W. Santee, D.D., Cavetown, Md.; Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., Hagerstown, Md.; Rev. William C. Cremer, Chambersburg, Pa.; Rev. J. David Miller, Shippensburg, Pa.; Rev. Simon S. Miller, Boonsboro', Md.; Rev. William Goodrich, Clearspring, Md.; Rev. William I. Stewart, Mechanicsburg, Pa.; and Elder Jacob Heyser, Esq., Chambersburg, Pa.

Article VII. The Board of Education, elected by the Synod aforesaid, from year to year, according to its rules and regulations, shall have full power to adopt such Constitution and By-Laws for its government, and for the prosecution of its educational operations, as it may deem best, and the same to alter and amend, from time to time, at its pleasure: *Provided*, the provisions thereof are not repugnant to the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Pennsylvania, or the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Article VIII. The subscribers are all citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

W.M. C. CREMER.
J. DAVID MILLER.
W.M. M. DEATRICK.
W.M. I. STEWART.
JACOB HEYSER.

State of Pennsylvania, } SS.
Franklin County.

Before me, A. B. Stoler, Recorder of the County of Franklin, personally appeared Rev. William C. Cremer, Rev. J. David Miller and Rev. William M. Deatrick, D.D., and in due form of law acknowledged the foregoing Certificate of incorporation to be their, and each of their, act and deed for the purposes therein set forth.

Witness my hand and seal of office this twenty-first day of February, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

(Signed),

A. B. STOLER, *Register and Recorder*.

And now, to wit, 30th of April, 1889, upon examination, the within application is found to be in proper form and within the purposes named in the

first class specified in Section I. of Act of April 29, 1874, and it further appearing to be lawful and not injurious to the community, it is now ordered and decreed that the charter is approved, and that upon the recording of said charter and this order, the subscribers and their associates shall be a Corporation for the purpose and upon the terms therein stated.

(Signed),
Pennsylvania, } SS.
Franklin County.

JNO. STEWART, P. J.

Recorded in Charter and Incorporation Book, Vol. I., page 273, etc., April 30, 1889.

(Signed),

A. B. STOLER, Recorder.

The Board of Education thankfully acknowledges the kindness of W. Rush Gillan, Esq., who acted as its attorney in procuring the charter, and also of Mr. M. A. Foltz, editor and proprietor of *Public Opinion*, who published the application of the same, both rendering their services gratuitously.

It is recommended, that the several Classes of the Synod, in taking Bonds from their beneficiary students, have them made to the Board of Education as thus incorporated, instead of to the Classes themselves as formerly, for the sake of uniformity and to avoid legal difficulties.

The Treasurer of the Board gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following funds for beneficiary education, since our last annual report to the Synod, omitting the dates of payment into the treasury, and summarizing them, where there have been two or more contributions, so as to give the sum contributed by each pastoral charge respectively, to wit:

SYNOPSIS OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Maryland Classis.

First Reformed Church of Frederick	\$145 00	Taneytown Charge	25 00
First Reformed Church of Baltimore	90 00	Union Bridge Charge	20 00
Third Reformed Church of Baltimore	75 00	Manchester Charge	12 73
St. Paul's Ref. Church of Baltimore	65 00	Mount Pleasant Charge	12 00
Cavetown Charge	65 00	Boonsboro' Charge	10 00
Silver Run Charge	60 00	Second Churf of Hagerstown Charge	10 00
Middletown Church	47 50	Burkittsville Charge	5 00
First Reformed Church of Hagerstown	41 04	Grace Mission of Washington	5 00
Mount Moriah Charge	38 00	Jefferson Charge	3 75
Manor Charge	35 00	Refunded by T. M. B.	30 00
Clear Spring Charge	35 00		
Mechanicstown Charge	30 00	Making	\$888 02
Westminster Charge	30 00		

Jenialia Classis.

Waterstreet Charge	\$143 00	Sulphur Spring Charge	30 00
First Church of Altoona	71 11	Schellsburg Charge	12 00
Huntington Charge	53 00	Clear Ridge Charge	8 00
Friend's Cove Charge	49 00	Rev. E. D. Shoemaker	5 00
Yellow Creek Charge	48 00	Orbisonia Charge	3 61
St. Clairsville Charge	45 00	Martinsburg Charge	3 60
Greenfield Charge	43 00	Interest on Nicholas Gruher Legacy	112 72
Dunning's Creek Charge	38 00		
Bedford Church	36 00	Making	\$731 06
Everett Charge	30 00		

Mercersburg Classis.

First Church of Chambersburg	\$75 00	Little Cove Church	5 31
Waynesboro' Charge	45 00	Mercersburg Charge	5 15
Mont Alto Church	26 18	McConnellsburg Charge	5 00
St. Paul's Church of Waynesboro'	25 00	St. Thomas' Charge	4 44
Shippensburg Church	22 00	Stoudenour Legacy interest	12 00
Grindstonehill Charge	20 00	William Logue, special	200 00
London Charge	15 00		
Middleburg Church	12 89	Making	\$482 97
Second Church of Chambersburg	10 00		

Virginia Classis.

Per Treasurer of the Classis		\$385 00
<i>Carlisle Classis.</i>		
Carlisle Springs Charge	\$81 83	St. Peter's Church of the Landisburg
Mechanicsburg Charge	46 82	Charge 18 73
New Bloomfield Charge	42 84	Duncannon Charge 13 16
Carlisle Church	37 66	Zion's Charge 5 00
Newburg Church	39 72	
		Making \$276 76

RECAPITULATION.

<i>Summary of Receipts.</i>		<i>Paid to</i>	<i>Summary of Payments.</i>	
Bal. in Treas. at last report, Oct. 6, 1888	\$753 20	Beneficiary Students, Maryland Classis.	\$962 50	
Received from the Maryland Classis . . .	888 02	" " Junia Classis . . .	762 50	
" " " Junia Classis . . .	731 06	" " Virginia Classis . . .	412 50	
" " " Mercersburg Classis . . .	482 97	" " Carlisle Classis . . .	331 25	
" " " Virginia Classis . . .	385 00	" " Mercersburg Classis	30 00	
" " " Carlisle Classis . . .	276 76	Paid for Beneficiary Education in Ursinus College	200 00	
Total receipts	\$3,517 01	Expenses in procuring Charter	9 50	
Balance in Treasury, October 7, 1889		Postage and Stationery	3 40	
		Total payments	\$2,981 65	
			535 36	
				\$3,517 01

We do hereby certify, that we have compared and carefully audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D.D., Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and find the same to be correct. The foregoing synopsis of the Treasurer's Report, together with the recapitulation of the summaries of receipts and disbursements, is a faithful statement of the same. We accordingly find the balance in the Treasury to be \$535.36.

Mercersburg, Pa., October 7, 1889.

GEO. W. AUGHINBAUGH,
Z. A. YEABICK.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented their annual report to the Synod, during the session of Friday forenoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to submit to the Synod, for consideration, the following annual report.

The Board, at the annual meeting at Mercersburg last June, organized by the re-election of the undersigned as *President*, Rev. B. R. Carnahan as *Secretary*, and E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., as *Treasurer*. The Executive Committee of the Board consists of the aforementioned officers of the Board *ex-officio*, together with Elder Samuel Hoefflich and W. Rush Gillan, Esq.

The educational operations of the college have gone forward, during the past year, with increased success, under the management of the Rev. Dr. Aughinbaugh as President of the college, aided by a corps of competent assistant teachers. The attendance has been larger than at any former period since the re-opening of the institution in September, 1881. A large proportion of the young men connected with the college are studying for the Christian Ministry, who have been furnished with boarding, tuition, room-rent, fuel and light at the rate of one hundred and fifty dollars per college year, which is about fifty dollars less than the full charges to those who are not preparing for this service in the Church. The general conduct of the students has been

exemplary and highly commendable, and their progress has been marked. Five young ladies completed the prescribed course of study in the Female Department of the college last June, and were granted diplomas to that effect by the Board. Three of these also graduated from the Musical Department and were granted diplomas accordingly. A very interesting musical entertainment was held at the close of the college year. Three of the young men have gone to Franklin and Marshall College, and were admitted to the Sophomore Class in that institution.

The Board hereby thankfully acknowledges the receipt of three hundred dollars last month from the Treasurer of Synod, pledged at the annual meeting of Synod at Mercersburg, for the past Synodical year, towards meeting the interest on the secured indebtedness of the college, which has been expended accordingly. Three hundred and forty-six dollars and seventy-six cents have also been received, during the year, from the Synod's treasury on the Synod's pledge of five hundred dollars, made three years ago; still leaving one hundred and fifty-three dollars and twenty-four cents of the pledge unpaid. Nothing whatever has been received on the pledge of a like amount made by the Synod at Mechanicsburg two years ago, notwithstanding that the Board has fully and completely complied with all the conditions stipulated by the Synod. The Board has faithfully performed its part of the arrangements, and now respectfully requests the Synod to redeem its pledges. The Board of Regents, at its annual meeting last June, adopted the following preamble and resolution bearing upon this matter, to wit:

WHEREAS, The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College has complied with the conditions named in the actions of the Synod at Mercersburg and at Mechanicsburg, appropriating a total of \$1000.00 to the payment of the debt of Mercersburg College; therefore,

Resolved, That the President of the Board be authorized to bring this fact to the attention of the Synod at Carlisle, in October next, and claim from the Synod the performance of its promise.

Since our last annual report to Synod, the Board has cancelled \$1966.81 of the unsecured indebtedness of the college, including accrued interest on the claims cancelled, and one hundred and seventy-five dollars of the mortgage and judgment debt have also been wiped out, making a total reduction of upwards of twenty-one hundred dollars of indebtedness, besides paying interest on the secured indebtedness. The Board wishes here to state that the present holders of the mortgage and judgments have paid dollar for dollar of their holdings, and did not secure them at a discount, as has been erroneously asserted by some persons who ought to know better.

A considerable sum has also been expended in making necessary repairs to the property, such as painting, etc. The College Chapel has been repainted and refitted in a neat and tasteful manner through the efforts of the young ladies connected with the institution, and now presents a vastly improved appearance from what it did a year ago.

The students of the college, last January, commenced the publication of the *Mercersburg College Monthly*, which has met with encouraging success thus far, and which affords another evidence of the life, energy and zeal of the Synod's College.

Respectfully submitted by order and in behalf of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

W. M. M. DEATRICK, President.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: RESPECTED BRETHREN: Through the kind Providence of God, it is the privilege of the undersigned to present to

your honorable body the following as the Annual Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary:

At the opening of the Seminary in September, 1888, the following persons were admitted to the Junior Class: Herbert Christian Alleman, William J. Muir, Henry E. Snyder, Thomas K. Cromer, Albert Suder Glessner, Francis Marion Line, Edward C. Musselman, David Scheirer, Jr., and George P. Stem; total nine.

The Middle Class consisted of fifteen members. Mr. Charles F. Young, one of the sixteen members of this class reported last year, having accepted of the appointment of teacher in Wichita College, Kansas, did not return to the Seminary.

The following students, seventeen in number, having completed their studies and sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were dismissed and awarded the usual Testimonials at the Anniversary of the Seminary in May last: William T. Aumann, Calvin E. Bartholomew, John T. Balliet, Lloyd E. Coblenz, Franklin E. Lauffer, George C. Erb, A. Marion Kifer, Russel N. Koplin, George J. Lisberger, J. Harvey Mickley, Charles A. Santee, Oliver F. Schaeffer, Ambrose M. Schmidt, Sefellen E. Stofflet, James B. Stonesifer, George B. Walbert and Charles B. Weaver. Of these eleven were graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, and the rest had studied at other literary institutions, or otherwise prepared themselves for a course of theological study. This is the largest class that has passed through the Seminary into the ministry since it was founded at Carlisle in 1825.

Thus during the year forty-one students have been connected with the Seminary: nine in the Junior, fifteen in the Middle and seventeen in the Senior Class.

The examinations of the students, oral and written, at the close of the year were satisfactory. Their moral and Christian conduct, according to the testimony of the Faculty, was such as was proper in candidates for the holy ministry, and there was no need for discipline in any case. As regards their industry and application to their studies there was no occasion for complaint.

Professor Silas Neff gave instructions during the year in elocution, each class having received twenty-five lessons or exercises. He is a competent instructor, and his method of teaching is regarded as thorough and efficient. The Faculty and the Board recommend that his services be retained for another year, and that provision be made by the three Synods for the payment of his salary, \$250, of which \$75 would fall to the Synod of the Potowmac.

The Board congratulates the Synods on the present prosperous condition of the Seminary, for which as a Church our thanks are due to Him from whom all such blessings flow.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

Lancaster, Pa., October 7, 1889.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.
HARRISBURG, OCTOBER 7, 1889.

To the Synod of the Potowmac:

DEAR BRETHREN: I enclose the Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, and beg leave further to state:

That the Trustees of the Seminary held two meetings during the year—one on the 9th of May, at Lancaster, Pa., and the other on the 26th of September, at Harrisburg, Pa. At the first named meeting there were present Geo. W. Hensel, Geo. Heilman, I. H. Keefer, A. G. Renninger, John B. Roth, Chas. Santee and Jno. D. Skiles. An election for officers was held and D. W. Gross, *President*, G. W. Hensel, *Vice-President*, J. B. Roth, *Treasurer*, and Geo. Z. Kunkel, *Secretary*, were re-elected. D. W. Gross, G. W. Hensel, G. Z. Kunkel,

J. B. Roth and J. D. Skiles were continued as Executive Committee. At the meeting on the 26th of September the following members were present, viz.: D. W. Gross, Geo. W. Hensel, J. B. Roth, I. H. Keefer, Geo. Heilman, Israel Laucks, C. A. Shultz and Geo. Z. Kunkel. The Treasurer then presented his annual report to the Board. On motion a committee was appointed to audit the same, viz.: Geo. W. Hensel, I. H. Keefer and C. A. Shultz, they then reported having done so, found the same correct, with a balance in the Treasurer's hands, Sept. 26, 1889, of nine hundred and thirty-six dollars and thirty-four cents. The members of the Auditing Committee also examined the investments in the Treasurer's hands, and found them all satisfactory. On motion it was

Resolved, That the Seminary Board request the Synods to provide by apportionment on the Classes, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, to pay salary of teacher of Elocution for the coming year, and that the amount so apportioned, be paid to the Treasurer of Synod, and through him to the Treasurer of Theological Seminary. Respectfully submitted,

GEO. Z. KUNKEL, *Secy. Theol. Sem. Board.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States—Sept. 26, 1889.

1889.	For amount of Endowment Fund per report dated Sept. 20, 1888	876,554 76
" March 29.	For amount received for Plainfield Bond from Executors of Rev. G. W. Glessner, dec'd	25 00
" April 8.	For amount received from Geo. W. Hensel, Treasurer committee of Synod	870 00
" May 3.	For amount received from Rev. L. K. Evans, Pottstown	50 00
"	For amount received from Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., from St. John's Reformed Congregation, Lebanon	15 00
" Sept. 12.	For increase of fund by purchase of Kepner property	342 30
		877,857 06

Current Expense Account of Theological Seminary.

1888, Sept. 20.	To balance due by Treasurer	493 96
	To amount received as income from Endowment Fund from Sept. 20, 1888, to Sept. 26, 1889	5,868 69
1889, Sept. 26.	To Aid Fund received to date	526 25
		6,888 90

Cr.

1889, Sept. 26.	By Salary Accounts and Sundry Bills paid as per Vouchers presented	5,952 56
	Balance due Seminary	936 34

NOTE.—The collection of some arrearages of interest due Theological Seminary accounts for the balance in hands of Treasurer being larger than usual.

	<i>Library Fund of Seminary.</i> Principal is	1,819.96
	<i>Dr.</i>	
1888, Sept. 20.	To amount balance due as per report	89 92
1889, Sept. 20.	To amount interest received to Oct. 1, 1889	79 19
		169 11

Cr.

1889, Sept. 26.	By sundry bills paid to date	104 19
	Balance due Seminary Library	64 92
1889, Sept. 26.	<i>Building Fund.</i> Principal is	12,883 05
	Int. accounted for in current expense account of Theological Seminary	
1889, Sept. 26.	<i>Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.</i> Principal is	1,718 30
	Int. accounted for in current expense account of Theological Seminary	
	<i>Smaltz Fund.</i> Principal is	5,000 00

Dr.

1889, Sept. 26. For interest received to date \$275 00
 Cr.

1889, Sept. 26. By interest paid Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treas. Board of Education 275 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

Lancaster, September 26, 1889.

The undersigned, appointed to examine accounts of Treasurer of Theological Seminary, respectfully report that we find them correct.

GEO. W. HENSEL,

I. H. KEEFER,

C. A. SHULTZ,

Auditing Committee.

Sept. 26, '89.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

The Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report:

The following documents were referred to this committee, viz.: the Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., the Report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, together with a Synopsis of Treasurer's Report, the Report of the Board of Education of Synod, the Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, a catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College, a catalogue of Ursinus College and a catalogue of Allentown Female College.

The Board of Visitors report the past year to have been a pleasant and prosperous one. Nine students were admitted at the beginning of the year. Forty-one students, the same number as last year, were in attendance during the year. Of this number seventeen were dismissed at the last commencement and given the usual testimonial for having completed the prescribed course.

The instruction in Elocution given by Prof. Silas Neff has proven satisfactory and its continuance is recommended, for which this Synod is asked to give \$75.

The Trustees of the Theological Seminary report their finances to be in such a condition that the usual appropriation given as aid is not asked for the ensuing year.

The Treasurer reports that the endowment fund now amounts to \$77,857.06. There has been received during the year as aid the sum of \$526.25. The total income for the year has been \$6,888.90. There was expended \$5,952.56, leaving a balance due Theological Seminary of \$936.34.

From the Report of the Board of Education we learn that the operations of the Board have progressed with increasing success. The number of students under the care of the Board has increased from twenty-two to twenty-eight. The total receipts for the year have been \$3,517.01. Expenditures \$2,981.65, leaving a balance of \$535.36. For the prosecution of work for the next year the sum of \$4 000 is asked.

We also learn that the Board, as authorized by Synod at its last meeting, has secured a charter from the Court of Common Pleas of Franklin County, Pa., and now recommend that the several Classes taking bonds from their students have them hereafter made to the Board instead of to the Classes.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College report a prosperous year for the College; a larger number of students than usual being in attendance. Of the unsecured debt \$1,966.91 has been paid during the year, together with \$175 of the mortgaged debt.

The attention of Synod is called to the fact that of \$500 promised by Synod three years ago towards the payment of the debt, but \$346.76 have been paid, and of the \$500 promised two years ago for the same purpose nothing has been paid. The Board asks that the unpaid balance of \$1,000 promised, amounting to \$653.24 be paid, since they as Regents have complied with all the conditions.

From the catalogues of Franklin and Marshall College, Ursinus College and Allentown Female College, we learn with pleasure of the increasing prosperity of all these institutions.

In regard to the foregoing matters your committee would recommend the following action:

1. That the \$75 asked for instruction in Elocution in the Theological Seminary be granted, and that the Committee on Finance apportion the same among the several Classes.

2. That this Synod anew recommends the cause of Beneficiary Education and urges the churches within its bounds to make earnest efforts to aid the Board to vigorously prosecute its work. For this work we advise that the sum of \$4,000 be apportioned upon the various Classes.

3. That the various Classes taking bonds from their Beneficiary Students be instructed to make their bonds payable to the Board of Education of this Synod instead of to their Classes.

4. Since the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College have complied with the requirements of Synod,—*Resolved*, That the various Classes in arrears on the Mercersburg College debt be urged to make payment as soon as possible.

5. That we anew commend Mercersburg College to the confidence of our people and ask their hearty co-operation in extending its usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS REITER, *Chairman.*

SYNODICAL PROFESSORSHIP ENDOWMENT.

The Synodical Professorship Endowment Committee presented the following annual report, which was received and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on the Endowment of a Theological Professorship for this Synod submit the following report:

At no time since the beginiang of the endowment movement has more active work been done by your committee than during the last year. The year abounded in toil, but our labors were lightened by the strong faith and bright hopes which warmed our hearts. We entered upon the year with the determination, by God's help and the help of His people, to add \$5,000 to the column of contributions before the close of the year. The thorough canvass of twenty-eight congregations could not fail to bring about the realization of our purpose.

Instead of \$5,000, we report an increase of more than \$7,000, surpassing the ingatherings of any previous year. Of this amount more than \$4,000 have been paid into the treasury, the remaining unpaid pledges falling due in the course of several months. The abundant success which has crowned the endowment labors of the year are mainly due to the generous hearts and liberal hands of the people composing the congregations which have been canvassed, and to the kindly help of the pastors.

Your Superintendent takes pleasure in making mention also of the very efficient co-operation of the Assistant Superintendent and the Classical assistants, to whose untiring labors the success of the endowment movement is largely due.

Almost \$29,000 have been secured. From the Treasurer's Report it will be learned that \$25,000 are now in the treasury. The unpaid subscriptions, which amount to nearly \$4,000, are in the form of pledges or notes payable in the course of the next year. We feel warranted in promising that the total amount of \$35,000 will be secured by the close of the incoming Synodical year, provided the charges yet uncanvassed be opened to the committee at such times as may best suit the convenience of the committee.

Your committee, therefore, would recommend,—

(1) That all the pastors are urged by this Synod to co-operate heartily with the committee in their efforts to complete the endowment by the expiration of the next year.

(2) That the pastors whose fields have not been opened to the committee are requested to accommodate themselves to such times within the year as may be appointed by the committee for the canvassing of their respective charges.

In accordance with the instructions of last year, your Superintendent appointed Rev. M. L. Firor an additional assistant for Maryland Classis.

The expense incurred by your committee in carrying forward the work during the year amounts to \$68.29, which has been paid by the treasurer.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the committee,

J. C. BOWMAN, *Superintendent.*

The following preamble and resolution were moved and adopted in connection with the adoption of the foregoing report, to wit:

WHEREAS, The amount already raised for the endowment of the Synodical Professorship gives assurance of its completion within the present Synodical year; therefore,

Resolved, That, provided the \$35,000 be then raised, the Synod, immediately after the preparatory services of the next annual meeting, enter into an election of the incumbent for this chair

Revs. A. H. Kremer, E. R. Eschbach and J. C. Bowman were nominated as members of the Board of Visitors, and Elders Henry Wirt, Israel Laucks, Charles A. Shultz, Edgar Slagle, H. Wirt Shriner and Isaac H. Keefer, as members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., from this Synod for the term of one year.

At the election for members of the different Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Monday afternoon, Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee and F. F. Bahner were elected members of the Board of Education for the term of three years, and Rev. S. S. Miller, W. C. Cremer and W. J. Zacharias, Esq., were chosen members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for the period of three years.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education and the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, severally, at the present time, to wit:

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee, F. F. Bahner, for three years; Revs. W. Goodrich, W. I. Stewart and Elder J. Heyser, for two years; and Revs. S. S. Miller, W. C. Cremer and J. D. Miller, for one year.

BOARD OF REGENTS: Revs. S. S. Miller, W. C. Cremer, and W. J. Zacharias, Esq., for three years; E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., Elder A. R. Schnebly, and W. Rush Gillan, Esq., for two years; and Revs. W. M. Deatrick, T. F. Hoffmeier, and B. R. Carnahan for one year.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, the Report of the Superintendent of Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The committee presented its report during the session of Saturday forenoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole. As such, it will be found subjoined in its proper place. The several Reports are as follows:

REPORT OF TRI-SYNODIC BOARD.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: We herewith transmit to your reverend body the reports of the Superintendent and of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

It is gratifying to see from these reports that commendable progress has been made during the past year in the work of Home Missions.

The Board mourns the loss by death of three active and efficient members, viz.: Revs. Geo. Wolff, D.D., W. H. H. Snyder and I. K. Loos, D.D.

Such matters as claim your special attention are set forth in the accompanying paper.

Praying that your deliberations may call forth a liberal response from the Church in behalf of Missions, we invoke upon you the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Ghost. Respectfully submitted.

J. O. MILLER, *Pres.*
E. N. KREMER, *Secy.*

The following items claiming the attention of Synod are submitted by the Board of Home Missions.

I. The Board recommends the continuance of the Tri-Synodic compact.

Action of the Board. WHEREAS, The General Synod at its last session instructed the several district Synods to carry forward their work of Home Missions by such methods as will open the way for the transfer of the said work to the supervision and management of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod at as early a day as possible; and

WHEREAS, The district Synods constituting this Board have all taken action favorable to this movement of Unification; and

WHEREAS, The next session of the General Synod will take place during the ensuing year, when further legislation on the subject may be taken; but

WHEREAS, In our judgment no such progress in Unification has been made as will warrant the present dissolution of the Tri-Synodic compact, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board recommends to the Synods, the continuance of the Tri-Synodic compact for another term of four years, unless, in the mean time, the Synods order otherwise.

II. The Synods are requested to urge the Classes to take certain action.

Action of the Board. *Resolved*, That the Synods are hereby requested to urge the Classes to take action on the following subjects:

1st. The establishment of additional church building funds.

2d. The larger circulation of the *Missionary Herald* in the Sunday-schools and congregations.

3d. The introduction of Mission Day in our Sunday-schools.

4th. The importance of bringing the classical apportionment down to the individual members.

III. The Synods are requested to enlarge the Executive Council.

Action of the Board: In order that there may be a more equal distribution of labor and responsibility, and in order that the Church may have the benefit of the helpful judgment of a larger number of the members of the Board,

Resolved, That in case the Tri-Synodic compact is continued the Board, hereby asks the three Synods so to modify the terms of the compact that the Executive Council shall hereafter consist of six members instead of four.

IV. The Board unanimously nominated REV. A. C. WHITMER for the office of Superintendent of Missions.

E. N. KREMER, Secy.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS FOR 1888-89.

To the Reverend Synods of the United States, of Pittsburgh and of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Every fourth yearly report has special interest and value, because it marks the end of a four-year period for which the Board is organized and for which the Superintendent is elected. In presenting my fourth yearly report, the sixteenth in the series under the tri-synodic compact, I desire, first of all, to acknowledge the goodness of God in blessing the work committed to feeble hands; and next I desire to thank the Synods and the pastors, as well as the Board, for their confidence and co-working. The relation of the Superintendent to the Board and to the Church has been very pleasant; and the cheerful aid given by many thousands is most gratefully recorded. Our work has gone forward during these four years without serious interruption, and is to-day in good condition. For the most part, the men employed, the places selected and the self-helpfulness of the missions, merit the hearty confidence of the Church.

At the beginning of this missionary year, October 1st, 1888, we had on the roll fifty-three missions, to which seven have since been added, namely, Altoona, Pa., Baltimore, Md., Braddock, Pa., Burlington, N. C., Jaennette, Pa., Steelton, Pa., and Whitewater, Kan. Of these sixty missions please note: Three have become self-supporting, namely, Lansdale, Pa., Latrobe, Pa., and Philadelphia, Pa. (the last by January 1st, 1890); and eight have for various reasons been dropped from the roll, namely, Harrisville, Va., Marietta, Pa., Mt. Jackson, Va., Napa City, Cal., San Francisco, Cal., Stockton, Cal., Topeka, Kan., and Whitewater, Kan. As the mission in New York is enrolled also by the German Board of the East, it is now dropped from our roll, and our supplemental appropriation will hereafter be paid directly into the treasury of that Board. These twelve missions are therefore in *italics*, and all the rest are the new roll for the year beginning October 1st, 1889.

NOTES ON THE MISSIONS.

Abilene, Kansas.—This mission, even amid hard times, has made progress. A Missionary and Literary Society and a Ladies' Missionary Society have been organized. Plans for next year include the organization of another congregation and the building of a church.

Altoona, Pa.—This promising off-shoot of the old congregation (itself a mission from 1863 to 1872) was organized in December, 1888. The Sunday-school was organized six months earlier. Rev. L. E. Coblenz took charge July 1st, 1889.

Baltimore, Md.—Rev. A. S. Weber took charge of Faith Mission October 1st 1888. Good progress is seen in the additions and finances.

Baltimore, Md.—This mission in the northwestern part of the city began in a Sunday-school about two years ago, carried forward by Rev. E. R. Deatrick, of Woodberry, Md. About a year ago, with the aid of several other ministers, he secured a Sunday evening service for the mission, and himself gave it a Thursday evening service. Rev. M. L. Firor and he secured a lot on which now stands a plain church. Rev. A. M. Schmidt took charge July 1st, 1889. The congregation (the tenth in Baltimore) was organized August 2d, 1889, with fine prospects.

Bangor, Pa.—Rev. S. A. Hitner took the mission June 1st, 1889, and reports the prospects encouraging.

Boulder, Iowa.—Rev. D. K. Fulcason took this field December 1st, 1888, and has been quite successful.

Braddock, Pa.—The mission is Braddock and Turtle Creek; but each congregation should have more service than now.

Burlington, N. C.—This mission is made up of a new congregation at Burlington, and part of the charge formerly served by Rev. G. W. Welker, D.D. Rev. Jesse Richards took charge April 1st, 1889.

Chambersburg, Pa.—Busy building a much-needed church. The mission has shown praiseworthy activity and self-denial, receiving but little help from abroad.

Clearville, Pa.—Vacant all the year. Supplied during the summer by a theological student.

Concord, N. C.—Small growth, but large giving. No prospect of early self-support, unless by reconstruction.

Du Bois, Pa.—Slow but steady improvement. A small debt which the mission cannot yet pay is a great hindrance.

Duncannon, Pa.—New hope and new activity have been awakened under the pastorate of Rev. J. D. Miller, who took charge in April last.

Dushore, Pa.—Vacant all the year with loss. A new pastor just called.

Easton, Pa.—A parsonage just finished is a long step towards self-support. Fair progress. A united and active people.

Freeland, Pa.—German and English. Finances better. Many hindrances, but good progress. Two missionary societies (adult and youth) organized.

Harrisville, Va.—Building a church in this weak mission was a great strain.

Hazleton, Pa.—A church lot has been paid for, the mission raising \$1200. For a church they must now have aid from abroad. Very encouraging.

Imogene, Iowa.—Growth slow, and likely to continue so for some time.

Iola, Kansas.—Small membership and few additions; but with better times in view the prospects are brightening. Rev. J. R. Skinner, of Michigan, is about to take charge of the mission, Rev. Alt going to Michigan.

Jaennette, Pa.—This mission in a new but permanent town 27 miles east of Pittsburgh, was organized in April, 1889, and soon after was placed in charge of Rev. N. H. Skyles. Steps have been taken towards building a church and paying something for pastor's salary.

Johnstown, Pa.—The Church at large knows the calamity which befell this mission. But much yet remains, both of membership and of hope, and the mission must be helped to a new church.

Kansas City, Mo.—Vacant from April 15th, 1888, to July 1st, 1889, when Rev. C. A. Santee took charge. It was supplied by Supt. Shuey, on alternate Sundays; but the long vacancy was a great loss. In April he organized a missionary society with 23 members.

Lancaster, Pa.—Steady progress. The great outlay for congregational use was owing to the enlargement of the church, which now is roomy and convenient.

Lansdale, Pa.—After receiving aid for only four years this mission declared itself self-supporting from May 1st, 1889—an example of self-helpfulness to all missions.

Latrobe, Pa.—Very unexpectedly this mission now declares itself self-supporting from October 1st, 1889. Pastor Hartzell has had charge of it for only four years, and has done a work deserving praise.

Leighton, Iowa.—Vacant from December 1st, 1888, to April 1st, 1889, when pastor Buser took charge. Prospects fair.

Lisbon, Iowa.—Rev. D. S. Fouse will leave October 1st, 1889, to become Superintendent of Missions under the Board of General Synod.

Liscomb, Iowa.—How 31 members pay \$320 to a pastor may puzzle many eastern people, but this is the record of this mission.

Lock Haven, Pa.—In May last this mission had great loss through the flood, but yet its prospects are good.

Maquoketa, Iowa.—Aid for this mission was discontinued a year ago; but later it was found best to enroll it again, with Rev. S. P. Harrington as missionary, from February, 1889. Many things are in the way of progress, but our experienced missionary is hopeful of success.

Marietta, Pa.—According to the action of the Board a year ago, this mission was dropped from the roll in March, 1889, at the end of Rev. S. F. Laury's pastorate.

McKeesport, Pa.—Since October 1st, 1889, this congregation stands alone, Turtle Creek having been detached, which accounts for change of figures.

Mt. Jackson, Va.—Vacant since January 1st, 1889.

Napa, Cal.—Owing to various causes but little progress has been made in ten years past. Hence the Board, after much patience and hope, has felt obliged to drop the mission from the roll.

New York, N. Y.—Under an oppressive debt. Belonging to the Eastern German Board, it will now come off our roll, and our aid will be paid into the treasury of that Board.

Philadelphia, Pa.—This mission, after passing through many changes and great labors during many years, declares itself self-supporting after January 1st, 1890. A fine location and a desirable church, but the Board did not expect self-support so soon.

Phoenixville, Pa.—Rev. J. R. Lewis had charge from November 1st, 1888, to June 15th, 1889.

Plymouth, Pa.—Progress in this mining town is slow, even under faithful work.

Reading, Pa.—This mission, organized March, 1884, has made rapid progress, and is very near self-support. Nothing hinders it but the enlargement of the church now in progress.

Salem, Oregon.—The organization of a German Methodist Church hinders the growth of this mission.

San Francisco, Cal.—Vacant since February 1st, 1887. The Board has agreed that the mission shall sell its property, pay its debts and dissolve the organization.

Scottdale, Pa.—Vacant from October 1st, 1888, to June 1st, 1889, when Rev. J. H. Mickley took charge.

Seattle, W. T.—Large additions give new hope; but for various reasons the appropriation cannot yet be reduced.

Sioux City, Iowa.—The larger of two congregations is fourteen miles from the city, requiring the missionary to preach three times and drive twenty-eight miles every other Sunday. A new church has been built in the city. Good prospects.

Stafford, Oregon.—The alms of this mission should be noted as a good sign; but growth in membership has been slow. Pastor Lange does much work also in neighboring fields that call for help.

Steelton, Pa.—Work was begun here anew by Rev. M. H. Sangree, January 1st, 1889, soon after which the congregation was reorganized. Prospects very good. About building a church.

Stockton, Cal.—Rev. J. B. Braun was directed to leave Albany, Oregon, and to take charge of Stockton, Cal., which he did November, 1888. Prospects have long been poor; and as this (after dropping Napa City and San Francisco) is our only mission in California, the Board has felt obliged to close it after April 1st, 1890.

Timberville, Va.—Weak at best, a vacancy of nearly two years has been quite a loss. Rev. J. T. Balliet took charge June 1st, 1889.

Topeka, Kansas.—Owing to engagements elsewhere, but mainly for want of a preaching-place, Supt. Shuey had to discontinue services here; and as a missionary cannot now be sent, this mission has been given into the care of Kansas Classis and the Board of the Synod of the Interior.

Washington, D. C.—Vacant since May 1st, 1889. Supplied during the summer by a student. Prospects good. Rev. A. T. G. Apple, lately commissioned, will soon take charge.

West Union, Oregon.—Prospects brightening, but growth will be slow.

Whitewater, Kansas (twenty-two miles north of Wichita).—Supplied by Supt. Shuey, under whose care the congregation was organized and a church built. The Board agrees to have Cheney separated from Wichita and united with this mission, forming a new charge to be under the care of Prof. E. L. Kemp, of Wichita. As this charge asks no aid, Whitewater will now be dropped from the roll and referred to Wichita Classis.

Wichita, Kansas.—Hard times have greatly hindered the work; but yet much has been done in every way toward putting this mission on good financial, numerical and spiritual basis.

Wilkinsburg, Pa.—The large amount for congregational expenses was paid for improving the church; but its alms also are large. Better prospects than for a long time.

Williamsport, Pa.—Vacant from April 1st, 1889, to August 1st, 1889, when Rev. Lewis Robb took charge. In good condition and promising.

Wilton Junction, Iowa.—Vacant much of the year. Rev. G. C. Erb took charge June 1st, 1889. Not in good condition, but may recover.

Winchester, Va.—Vacant since April 1st, 1889, and all services suspended owing to various causes. The trustees have borrowed \$300, with which to repair the church, in hope of securing the \$4,000 claim from Congress.

Woodberry, Md.—Five years' faithful work have given us a good congregation, whose growth, alms and self-helpfulness must be noted.

York, Pa.—Under Rev. I. N. Peightel, since Oct. 1st, 1889. Good progress, having more than doubled its membership, and good prospects.

REMARKS.

1. A study of the roll shows that the missions, in the main, are in good condition; and attention is called to the fact that nearly all the missions lately enrolled are in large and growing places.

2. Note their self-helpfulness. The 60 missions, with 5,560 communicants, paid for congregational expenses \$38,300, averaging about \$7.00 a member; and for benevolence nearly \$3,500, averaging over 60 cents a member. Of the latter amount, \$1,300 were for home missions, *i. e.*, 28 cents a member. Whereas, the average in the Church at large for congregational expenses and missions is much less than this.

3. Some of the missions have been on the roll since 1874, many for about ten years, with very small reduction of appropriation. The experience of the Board shows that no system or rule of yearly reduction can be applied to all alike, because there are so many modifying circumstances; but, without a doubt, many missions are upon the roll too long. The Board a year ago directed the Superintendent to issue a circular to the missions, urging them to increase their subscriptions toward the support of their pastors, in order that the appropriation of the Board might be decreased. An examination of the last five columns of the statistical table shows that in answer to this circular very few of the missions asked for less than they are now receiving; and in most cases a reduction would affect the missionary rather than the people, and so can hardly be made. Nowhere else in the report is reference made to the hardships and manifold self-denials patiently endured by many of our missionaries; but the Church should know that some of her most faithful servants are bearing great burdens. Will not thousands of our people show their appreciation of this by larger giving to this work? The salary of many missionaries is quite too small.

4. In the last column of statistics, where no appropriation is named, it is because the mission is either vacant or dropped.

5. The Board has pledged to the Board of General Synod \$350 toward the support of a missionary at Cleveland, Ohio, \$600 for one at Lincoln, Neb., and \$100 for one at Baker, Kans.

6. The Board has received nearly one hundred dollars from the Women's Missionary Society of General Synod toward the support of the missionary at Sioux City, Iowa.

REV. D. B. SHUEY'S WORK.

A year ago the Board directed him to give his whole time to general work, making the Synod of the Interior his field. The experience of the past year fully justifies this arrangement. Living at Emporia, he occupies the parsonage owned by the Board, and also has oversight of the Church property there.

During the year he preached every two weeks at Kansas City, Mo., until Rev. C. A. Santee took the mission. On this account, in part, he gave little time to Topeka. At Ellis, Kansas, a new town on the Union Pacific Railroad, he found twenty-two members; and at Wells, Kansas, he has a class of catechumens almost ready for confirmation, and preaches every six weeks in a school-house. Otis, Rush County, Kansas, is a mission under the care of the Board of the Synod of the Interior, with Rev. N. Joss as pastor. Here the planning and building of a parsonage took much of the Superintendent's time. So in planning and building the church at Whitewater, and preaching for that mission. In ten months past he traveled 17,000 miles, at a cost of \$106, paid by collections where he preached.

OUR CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.

The Plan.—Two years ago the Board, seeing the necessity of having money on hand for building mission churches, to be used as loans, adopted the following plan for holding and using such Church-building Funds:

1. Each Fund shall be at least \$500.
2. It shall bear a distinct name—that of the giver or any other name he may choose, approved by the Board of Missions.
3. It shall be under the care and control of this Board.
4. It shall be held as a distinct Fund; but interest paid on it from time to time shall be used as the Board may see fit.
5. It shall be used only for the building of churches in missions under this Board.
6. No Fund, and no part of any Fund, shall be a gift to the mission; but the

money shall always be loaned on first mortgage, payable within ten years, in such instalments and at such rate of interest as may be agreed upon by the Board and the mission.

Our Nine Funds.—On this plan the Board now holds the following-named Funds :

1) The First Special Church-building Fund. This was made up about three years ago of \$50 subscriptions from congregations, missionary societies and individuals.

2) The Virginia Classis Fund, given by that Classis in 1887.

3) The Emmanuel's Hanover Church-building Fund, No. 1, given by the Missionary Society of Hanover, Pa., in 1887.

(These three Funds were loaned to Sioux City, Iowa, Mission in 1888.)

4) The Charles Santee Fund, given by Elder Charles Santee, of Philadelphia, in 1888, and the same year loaned to the Trustees of Maryland Classis for Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md.

5) The Catharine Dietz Fund, given in 1888 by Elder Jacob Y. Dietz, of Philadelphia.

6) The Missionary Society Church-building Fund, made up in 1889 by sixty-five missionary societies. This \$1000 (all the other funds are \$500) came from the following Synods: United States, \$368; Pittsburgh, \$317; Potomac, \$280; Interior, \$20; Ohio, \$15.

7) The Emmanuel's Hanover Fund, No. 2, given by the Missionary Society of Hanover, Pa., in 1889. This has lately been loaned to the Trustees of Maryland Classis for the mission in Northwestern Baltimore.

8) The Malinda M. Acker Fund, given in 1889 by Mrs. M. M. Acker, of Uwchlan, Chester County, Pa.

9) The John and Hannah Brownback Fund, given in 1889 by Miss Mary M. Brownback, of Uwchlan, Chester County, Pa.

In addition to these completed Funds, the Women's Missionary Society of Philadelphia Classis has paid \$200.25 toward a Fund bearing its name. Our people are taking great interest in this important branch of the work, and the present term of the compact has no more marked feature than this activity.

We must have more of these Funds.—The Board has often been greatly embarrassed, and the missions have suffered loss, by the lack of money for building mission churches; and the Board has found that by having such money on hand to be used when most needed, both money and missions are saved. Hence, in addition to the small amounts that come in on the classical apportionments for church-building, which have always been too small for the growing work of the Board, we are now trying to secure these special Church-building Funds, so that missions may be promptly helped when they most need help, and the Church at large be saved from loss.

The plan on which these Funds are held and used, being both simple and safe, commends itself to the judgment of business men, and has their confidence; and we again call the attention of pastors and people to this important interest. Several more of our newly-enrolled missions must have timely help in building their churches; and what more beautiful monument is there than such a Fund—a lasting memorial and an abiding source of good? While the Board makes grateful acknowledgment of what has already been done, we plead for the establishment of many more of these Church-building Funds.

EDITORIAL WORK.

The *Reformed Missionary Herald* has been published, as before, under the editorial control of the Executive Council. In a few months this paper will complete its ninth year. The circulation for four years past has been only

about 5000 copies a month,—far too small for the work it is intended to do. The circulation should be at least doubled, and during another year, by the help of pastors and others, we hope to do this. It will continue to be published as heretofore.

TRANSFER OF OUR PACIFIC COAST MISSIONS.

In 1887 the Board proposed a transfer of our Pacific Coast Missions to a German Board, on stated terms, and the Synods approved this action. The offer was then made, first to the Board of the Northwestern and the Central Synods, and later to the Board of the German Synod of the East; but both Boards reluctantly declined the offer on the terms stated, and our Board will now keep the Pacific Coast Missions under its own care.

OUR INCOME.

Reference to the Treasurer's Report shows that our income this year is \$17,995, only a little more than that of last year. Without a doubt it was considerably affected by the great floods of last May. The aim of the Board and the pride of the Church should be to have the work on a cash basis. As the new missions enrolled this year will cost much more than those dropped from the roll, the Board must during the coming year have still larger income. In brief, the work of 1890 will cost about \$4,000 more than that of the past year. We trust that pastors and people will appreciate this fact.

THE AMOUNT NEEDED FOR THE COMING YEAR.

For four years past the Board has asked from the Church the same amount, namely, \$22,000 for missions and \$5,000 for church-building; but this year we must ask for a larger sum. Our growing work demands more money. Never has the Board had a better roll, and never has the Church had so much interest in missions. For the work of the coming year, therefore, the Board, with faith in God and with confidence in our Reformed people, asks for \$24,000 for missions and \$5,000 for church-building, as follows:

For Missions: Synod of the United States, \$13,000; Synod of Pittsburgh, \$4,500; Synod of the Potomac, \$6,500.

For Church-building: Synod of the United States, \$2,500; Synod of Pittsburgh, \$1,000; Synod of the Potomac, \$1,500.

IMPORTANT FIGURES.

The following statement should be carefully studied:

Cash on hand September 18th, 1888,	\$1,581
Received during the missionary year,	17,995
Paid out during the missionary year,	17,767
Cash on hand September 21st, 1889,	1,800
Due the missionaries to October 1st, 1889,	4,700
Money borrowed four and six years ago,	2,000
Low estimated cost of the work next year,	20,000

Adding the last three items and deducting the cash on hand, shows the amount absolutely necessary for the work for the year beginning October 1st, 1889, namely, \$24,900.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE MISSIONS UNDER THE CARE OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

PLACE.	IN WHAT CLASSIS.		MISSIONARY.		When taken by the Board		
	Number of Conference-s*	Number of Ministers	Number of Confirmed	Received by Clerical Agents			
ne, Kansas	Kansas	1884	T. F. Stauder	12	108	5	2,12
ana, Pa.	Jusints	1889	L. E. Coblenz	1	110	5	2,12
more, Mid. (E.)	Maryland	1846	A. S. Weber	1	41	5	0,14
more, Mid. (N. W.)	Maryland	1889	A. M. Schmidt	1	37	5	0,00
er, Ia.	East Pennsylvania	1884	S. A. Hinter	101	39	9	0,00
ville, Pa.	Iowa	1886	D. K. Fulcomer	76	28	3	0,15
ates, N. C.	North Carolina	1888	F. S. Hauser	83	58	5	0,50
lensburg, Pa.	Richards	1886	J. B. Shantz	3	56	3	0,00
ville, Pa.	Junius	1884	Vacant	1	130	18,10	2,16
ord, N. C.	North Carolina	1881	P. M. Tredler	82	33	4	0,00
ans, Pa.	Clarion	1881	R. E. Cram	31	81	10	0,00
as, Pa.	Caledon	1874	J. D. Miller	162	100	5	0,00
ore, Pa.	Wyoming	1874	Vacant	9	170	105	0,00
nd, Pa.	East Pennsylvania	1876	C. W. Levan	118	80	8	0,00
ville, Va.	Wyoming	1884	E. D. Miller	220	130	28	0,15
ton, Pa.	Virginia	1883	A. C. Snyder	167	95	5	0,28
one, Iowa	Wyoming	1887	Aaron Noll	120	87	16	0,23
ette, Pa.	Iowa	1874	J. F. Butler	68	45	8	0,00
City, Mo.	Wichita	1884	S. A. Alt	9	72	39	0,00
nd, Pa.	Westmoreland	1886	N. H. Skyles	100	65	5	0,00
er, Pa.	Westmoreland	1886	W. H. Bates	149	72	7	0,00
nter, Pa.	Allegheny	1885	C. A. Sante	23	13	0	0,00
nter, Pa.	Iowa	1879	W. F. Lachlith	193	79	34	0,24
nter, Pa.	Westmoreland	1873	J. J. Rothrock	184	85	6	0,11
nter, Pa.	Iowa	1888	C. M. Hartzell	282	150	13	0,20
nter, Pa.	Iowa	1887	J. H. Bissell	121	81	0	0,00
nter, Pa.	Iowa	1887	D. S. Fouse	101	43	0	0,00
nter, Pa.	West Susquehanna	1873	S. Eason	31	5	0	0,00
nter, Pa.	Iowa	1887	G. W. Gerhard	100	20	9	0,00
nter, Pa.	Westmoreland	1887	S. P. Harrington	56	53	9	0,00
nter, Pa.	Allegheny	1881	Vacant	9	14	0	0,00
nter, Pa.	Virginia	1882	H. D. Darkaker	81	45	9	0,00
nter, Pa.	San Francisco	1883	Vacant	150	190	0	0,00
nter, Pa.	New York	1874	T. G. De Lyre	31	25	3	0,10
nter, Pa.	Fox	1886	9	290	150	170	0,22
nter, Pa.	Philadelphia	1878	H. G. Johnston	133	68	6	0,49
nter, Pa.	Philadelphia	1888	Vacant	103	31	1	0,00
nter, Pa.	Philadelphia	1887	S. C. Meckel	100	36	21	0,00
nter, Pa.	Portland Oregon	1875	C. S. Gerhard	310	21	3	0,00
nter, Pa.	Portland Oregon	1883	M. H. Maedhaupt	53	63	12	0,14
nter, Pa.	Westmoreland	1882	Vacant	9	14	0	0,00
nter, Pa.	Portland Oregon	1881	G. Graedel	35	19	1	0,12
nter, Pa.	Iowa	1887	F. Wetzel	2	20	4	0,00
nter, Pa.	Portland Oregon	1882	J. Lange	2	40	1	0,00
nter, Pa.	Lancaster	1882	M. H. Sungree	41	65	35	0,10
nter, Pa.	Sun Francisco	1882	I. B. Brann	38	30	1	0,14
nter, Pa.	Kansas	1887	J. T. Balliet	115	106	5	0,00
nter, Pa.	Kansas	1887	Supplied	17	21	0	0,00
nter, Pa.	Kansas	1887	Vacant	9	85	5	0,00
nter, Pa.	Kansas	1888	H. L. Lissman	24	42	6	0,00
nter, Pa.	Wichita	1885	Vacant	6	1	0	0,00
nter, Pa.	Wichita	1883	J. W. Love	15	9	1	0,00
nter, Pa.	Allegany	1874	S. J. Fausch	165	49	2	0,17
nter, Pa.	West Susquehanna	1883	Lewis Robb	111	55	4	0,12
nter, Pa.	Iowa	1881	64	100	0	0,00	
nter, Pa.	Virginia	1874	G. C. Erd	46	0	0,00	
nter, Pa.	Virginia	1874	Vacant	9	11	0	0,00
nter, Pa.	Virginia	1884	E. R. Beckstrand	122	110	10	0,00
nter, Pa.	Zion's	1888	L. N. Peuhlt	27	31	0	0,00

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A SIMPLE PLAN.

In view of the fact that so much money is needed for our prosperous work, a simple plan for raising a large sum was proposed and approved by the Board, namely, the Superintendent is authorized and directed to try to secure *one thousand ten-dollar subscriptions from individuals*, not to be credited on the apportionment, but as special offerings for the work. Surely this can be done in the eight hundred congregations of the three Synods. May God move pastors and people to prompt and faithful help in this new effort to put our finances in good condition.

A BIT OF HISTORY.

At the close of another term of the tri-synodic compact it is natural to look back over the way by which we have come. This tri-synodic plan grew out of the unfortunate divisions in the Church, owing to which the Board of General Synod found it impossible to carry forward the work, and so in 1873 transferred its missions to Boards of the District Synods. Three of these, the United States, the Pittsburgh and the Potomac, united in a Joint-Board, and now for four terms of four years each this Tri-synodic Board has successfully carried forward the missions under its care.

The four terms were 1874 to 1877; 1878 to 1881; 1882 to 1885; 1886 to 1889.

The Superintendents during these terms were: Rev. F. K. Levan; Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D.; Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D.; Rev. A. C. Whitmer.

The income of these four terms for missions and church-building (not including legacies) was: \$36,000; \$46,000; \$66,000; \$80,000.

The average number of missions for each term was: 37, 38, 59, 58.

Legacies.—During the last four years the Board has received the following legacies: John Lerch, of Bethlehem, Pa., \$2,375; Mrs. Anna K. Uhler, Manheim, Pa., \$950; Miss Nancy M. McClellan, Chambersburg, Pa., \$1,442; J. Welker, Montgomery Co., Pa., \$4,167; Mrs. Mary E. Zimmerman, Frederick Co., Md., \$95; Mrs. Susannah Johnston, Franklin Co., Pa., \$75; Solomon Bressler, Schuylkill Co., Pa., \$95; Nicholas Gruber, Martinsburg, Pa. \$1876.

THREE VACANT SEATS.

The Board deeply feels the solemn call of God that comes to us in the death of three of its members during the past year: Rev. George Wolf, D.D., Rev. W. H. H. Snyder and Rev. I. K. Loos, D.D., and we humbly pray for grace and guidance that we too may be faithful even unto death. A suitable minute has been entered upon the record of the Board.

FINIS.

Seeing, now, that our work is in good condition, that the present roll deserves the hearty confidence of the Church, and that the newly enrolled missions will add much to our outlay, we confidently look to the Church for a larger income; and while we thank God for the bright outlook, we also pray for His continued blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. WHITMER,

Superintendent of Missions.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

The undersigned begs leave to lay before you his sixteenth annual report of the state of the finances during the year beginning September 19, 1888, and ending September 24, 1889.

Moneys were received and payments made for Home Missions, Church Building, etc., during the year, as follows, viz.:

Home Missions.

Synod of the United States.

Classis of Philadelphia	\$640 43
Classis of Tidwick	935 61
Classis of Goshenhoppen	1,359 47
Classis of East Pennsylvania	599 00
Classis of Lebanon	824 21
Classis of Schuylkill	1,143 23
Classis of Lancaster	760 44
Classis of East Susquehanna	532 04
Classis of West Susquehanna	578 38
Classis of Lehigh	1,210 25
Classis of Wyoming	695 94

Total from Synod of the United States, \$9,279 00

Synod of the Potomac.

Classis of Maryland	\$1,222 84
Classis of Mercersburg	629 81
Classis of Juniata	1,100 48
Classis of Carlisle	246 36
Classis of Zion's	280 04
Classis of Gettysburg	460 81
Classis of Virginia	353 64
Classis of North Carolina	292 25
Classis of Iowa	47 37
Classis of Portland Oregon	91 83
Classis of San Francisco	26 00

Total from Synod of the Potomac . . . \$4,751 43

Synod of Pittsburgh.

Classis of St. Paul's	\$22 37
Classis of Westmoreland	37 77
Classis of Allegheny	5 00
Classis of Clarion	20 00
From the Treasurer of Synod	3,417 80

Total from the Synod of Pittsburgh . . . \$3,502 94

Miscellaneous Sources.

From interest on Gerhart Leg- acy	\$12 00
From interest on Loans	117 10
From Ida V. Misemer	1 00
From rent of Perkiomen Sem- inary	55 00
From the Women's Mission- ary Society of the General Synod	105 75
From Legacy of Susan John- ston	75 00
From Legacy of Solomon Bressler	95 00
Balance in Treasury Septem- ber 19, 1888	1,581 95

Total from Miscellaneous Sources . . . \$2,042 80

Total from all sources \$19,576 17

Disbursements.

Orders of the Board paid by Treasurer during year	\$15,384 62
Orders of the Board paid by Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod	2,382 30
Balance in Treasury Sep- tember 24, 1889	1,809 25
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	\$19,576 17

Church Building Funds. Dr.

Balance in Treasury Septem- ber 19, 1888	\$683 88
Received for Sioux City, Iowa, Mission from—	
Somerset Classis	\$15 00
Schuylkill Classis	10 00
Maryland Classis	43 40
Philadelphia Classis	16 00
Carlisle Classis	5 00
Lebanon Classis	1 25— 90 65
Received for Wichita, Kansas, Mission from—	
Zion's Classis	5 00
Lebanon Classis	1 25— 6 25
Received for Dubois Mission from Schuylkill Classis	5 00
Received from Zion's Classis for—	
Hazelton Mission	5 00
Newton, N. C., Mission	5 00
Lock Haven Mission	5 00— 15 00
Received for Church Building in Baltimore from—	
Mercersburg Classis	60 00
Gettysburg Classis	10 00
Carlisle Classis	17 25
Zion's Classis	30 00— 117 25

Received per Jesse Bollinger, Treasurer of the Missionary Society of Emanuel Re- formed Church, Hanover, Pa., to be loaned to the N. W. Baltimore Mission	500 00
Received per Rev. A. C. Whit- mer from Mary M. Brown- back to constitute a church building fund to be known as "The John and Hannah Brownback Church Build- ing Fund"	500 00
Received per Rev. A. C. Whit- mer from Miss Malinda M. Acker to constitute the "Ma- linda M. Acker Church Building Fund"	500 00
Rec'd per Rev. A. C. Whitmer from the Women's Missionary Society of Philadelphia Classis toward constituting the "Women's Missionary	

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Society of Philadelphia Clas- sis Church Building Fund" \$200 25	Paid out during the year:
Received per Rev. A. C. Whit- mer contributions from sun- dry Missionary Societies to constitute a "Missionary Society Church Building Fund" 1000 00	To Rev. D. B. Shuey, for painting parsonage at Em- poria, Kansas \$100 00
Received from Jno. W. Bickel, attorney at law, the sum re- alized from the final dispo- sition of the Welker Legacy mortgage 4167 75	To Rev. F. Fox, for use of Martha Memorial Church, of New York 60
Received from Rev. F. A. Rup- ley, D.D., Treasurer of Juni- ata Classis, the legacy of the late Elder Nicholas Gruber (less expenses incurred) . .	To Rev. G. H. Johnston, D.D., for the use of the Church of the Strangers, pursuant to the direction of the Synod of the United States 579 50
Received during the year for church building purposes in general, viz.: From— 1876 62	To Rev. F. Wetzel, contribu- tions received for Sioux City Mission 89 40
Classis of Lancaster . . . 134 59	To Rev. S. S. Miller, Trea- surer Maryland Classis, amt. received from Mercersburg Classis for church building in Baltimore 60 00
Classis of Philadelphia . . 10 00	Loan to Mrs. Caroline Fre- mell, secured by a mortgage on three houses in Harris- burg, Pa. 2,200 00
Classis of Goshenhoppen . . 28 00	Loan to Jno. R. Hamilton, secured by a judgment 1,000 00
Classis of E. Pennsylvania . . 96 00	Loan to Grace Reformed Ch., Sioux City, Iowa, secured by mortgage 2,000 00
Classis of Tohickon 128 07	Loan to Mission in N. W. Bal- timore 500 00
Classis of W. Susquehanna . . 161 48	Loan to Geo. Z. Kunkel, se- cured by ample collaterals, payable on demand 2,000 00
Classis of Schuylkill 158 35— 716 49	Paid to Lock Haven Mission 5 00
Classis of Mercersburg . . 63 00	Paid to Hazelton Mission 5 00
Classis of Gettysburg . . . 68 00	Paid to Wichita, Kas., Mission 5 00
Classis of Juniata 197 00	Paid to A. M. Schmidt, for N. W. Baltimore Mission 30 00
Classis of Zion 53 75	Paid to Rev. Dr. J. C. Clapp, for use of Newton, N. C., Mission 5 00
Classis of N. Carolina . . . 8 50	Balance in the Treasury Sept. 24, 1889 2,483 12
Classis of Carlisle 104 37	\$11,122 02
Classis of Maryland 23 00	
Classis of Virginia 10 00— 527 62	
Classis of Somerset 50 00	
Classis of Kansas 10 00	
Received on account of a bal- ance due the Board by the Synod of the United States on a certain Bond: From—	
Classis of Goshenhoppen . . 22 00	
Classis of W. Susquehanna . . 11 91	
Classis of E. Pennsylvania . . 32 00	
Classis of Lancaster 13 35	
Classis of Schuylkill 10 00	
Classis of Tohickon 23 00	
Classis of Wyoming 13 00— 125 26	
Received from Goshenhoppen Classis for the relief of the Bohemian Church 30 00	
Total from all sources \$11,122 02	

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States to audit the account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of said Board, respectfully report that we have attended to the duty enjoined upon us, and find the Treasurer's account correct (with two immaterial discrepancies) with balances in the several funds as stated therein, namely:

For Missions General Fund, \$1809.25
For Church Building, 2483.12

The Superintendent, Rev. Whitmer, states that the securities named in the report of the Church Building Fund are all in his possession excepting the

mortgage for the \$500 loaned to the Mission in N. W. Baltimore, which, he informs us, is in the Recorder's office for record.

D. S. KELLER,
J. A. HOFFHEINS, } *Auditing Committee.*
LEWIS REITER,

Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 25, 1889.

SECRETARY'S REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Potowmack:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: God's gracious work of sowing and reaping continues in Japan. The growth of the work there has been simply marvelous. The summary of our own mission work for the past year shows a steady increase in the number of converts and in the offerings for benevolence.

The Board realizes the solemnity of the hour and feels the need of entire consecration to the service of the Lord, if His work is to be done with credit to ourselves, with justice to the Japanese and with the honor due His name.

Our Mission is no longer an experiment; it is a success. Our missionaries occupy an important place in the missionary operations of Japan, and enjoy the full confidence of the best people of Sendai. It is, therefore, of the highest importance that they should be sustained, not only by the prayers, but also by the contributions of our people. The extraordinary expenses incurred last (fiscal) year, in the erection of the Girls' School building and two dwelling-houses on our property at Sendai, have been met, but these have depleted our treasury, and for the first time in *our history* we have been unable to transmit the amount due them for their salary.

This failure to meet our obligations, makes apparent the necessity of taking immediate measures to replenish our treasury.

Since my last report to your Reverend body, a number of changes have taken place in our foreign missionary work, which are set forth at length in the accompanying letter to the pastors and members of the Church. From it the Reverend Synod will gather the following facts which merit favorable action.

The Board is anxious to send a suitable *teacher* for the Training School and also a lady of *broad and liberal culture* for the Girls' School, as soon as the contributions of the Church will warrant it. Men who have made the work of missions in Japan a careful study, are agreed, that the triumph of the Gospel there depends upon the preaching of the Gospel by *native* converts. It is plain, therefore, that "the work of training young men for the ministry is by far the most fruitful and permanent method of doing missionary work in Japan. A good native minister can preach more eloquently and make more converts than almost any one of the foreign missionaries; he preaches in his mother tongue, understands his own people better, becomes more intimate with them, and has more influence over them. All this, however, presupposes the direct personal contact of the native evangelist with the foreign missionary. By training native young men, the missionary multiplies himself manifold

"He makes *convert-makers*; and if he can make twelve efficient convert-makers, he does better than if he would make a hundred converts."

In view of these indisputable facts, the Church should promptly furnish the Five Thousand Dollars necessary for the new Training School building. It is an urgent need that the erection of the Seminary building begin early in 1890, the time of the formal adoption of the new constitution in Japan. Upon the Church at home devolves the solemn responsibility to extend the usefulness of

this very important department of Christian work. Let it be the subject of much fervent prayer and liberal giving.

Allow me to refer to the efforts that are being made to secure the money for the "O-hikawa Memorial Building." Rev. W. E. Hoy offers five prizes to the Sunday-school scholars raising the five largest sums of money, by soliciting contributions of five cents a person. The list of names and money must be sent to Hon. R. F. Kelker, Harrisburg, Pa., not later than January 1, 1890. A sketch of Rev. M. Oshikawa, the pioneer native missionary in the north of Japan, and at present on a visit to America, will soon be ready for sale, and the profits thereof will be applied to the Seminary Fund. If our pastors and elders will give their friendly aid to these projects, the sum of *five thousand dollars* can be realized.

Providence permitting, the Board expects the Rev. M. Oshikawa to visit the several Synods at their annual meetings. He came to this country in March of the present year, to find the rest he so much needs and to enjoy the benefits of our richer experience in grace and truth. We bespeak for him a cordial welcome everywhere.

DEAR BRETHREN: Religion in Japan is the burning topic of the day. The people will have some kind of religion. There is no difference of opinion about the *having or not having a religion*. The question of present interest is, *What kind of a religion shall it be?* Christianity, Buddhism and Skepticism are the three rival forces at work for the mastery. From the tidings that come to us from the missionaries on the field, we may infer that the contest will be a fierce but brief one. A few years will determine the issue. If Christianity fails to triumph in the conflict, the censure will rest upon us.

Experience has taught us that the membership of the Church do not ordinarily go beyond their pastors and elders in zeal and activity, in knowledge and liberality. Our people need more light on the subject of missions, and they look to us for it. In charges where the Church paper is not a regular visitor in every family, the pastor should tell the people the need of our work from the pulpit and in his pastoral visitations, and thus awaken an interest in missions. Every pastor who is conversant with the progress of missions has the fuel in his hands wherewith to enkindle the fire of missions in the most indifferent hearts. He is the great medium through which the wants of the missionaries are to be made known, the mouthpiece for heathendom as it pleads with Christianity.

In order that we as a Church may share in the joy of gathering the large harvest of souls for Christ in Japan, we must be up and doing. The missionaries ask our prayers; they crave our sympathy; they need our help. The Board earnestly pleads for more money to prosecute the work. Give us the means and we will cheer your hearts with the glad tidings of the progress of the Gospel among a people who are not yet the people of God. God's word cannot be broken. God's cause will prevail. The crowns of rejoicing will appear when they and we shall stand in the presence of the Eternal. God be with us until we meet then, for His name's sake. Yours in the Gospel,

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Secretary.*

Pottsville, Pa., September 30, 1889.

STATISTICS OF OUR JAPAN MISSION, 1889.

	Organized Churches.	Churches Self-Supporting.	Preaching Stations.	Baptized Converts.	Membership.	Girls' School.	Scholars in same.	Sunday Schools.	Scholars in same.	Theological Schools.	Scholars in same.	Native Ministers.	Unordained Ministers.	Colporteurs.	Bible Women.	Contributions for all Purposes.			
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Nihon Bashi	1				67												863	85	
Oji				4	33				1	20							24	00	
Iwatsuki	1			8	89				1	30							370	08	
Matsubayashi and Noda					35				1	38							8	30	
Bancho	1	1		65	189				1	85							196	36	
	3	1		94	413				5	199				2	1	1		\$662	53
Sendai																			
Fukushima																			
Nakamura																			
Hobara																			
Shiroishi																			
Tome																			
Yamagata																			
Tsurugaoka																			
Iwanuma	1			5	99				1	70		Suppl'd					181	00	
Ishinomaki	1			1	10	69			1	30		1					89	85	
Furukawa	1			1	1	36			1	15		1					30	00	
Hakodate	1	1	1	28	75				1	73		1					182	98	
Mombetsu	1	1	1	20	121				1	45		1	1				1047	70	
Mororau																			
	9	3	10	199	1025	1	47	14	624	1	15	3	10	2	2		\$2557	28	
Grand Total	12	4	10	293	1438	1	47	19	823	1	15	5	11	3	2		\$3219	81	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions would respectfully present the following report:

There have been referred to us for consideration the reports of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, a statement of the Secretary of the Tri-Synodic Board, giving the action of said Board touching the matter of the unification of our mission work under the Board of the General Synod; also a communication from the Eastern Synod, and one from the General Synod's Board, bearing on the same subject.

From the Report of the Superintendent of the Tri-Synodic Board, your committee learn that not only with good purpose and zeal, but also with marked success, has the work of the Board been carried forward during the past year. Referring you for facts and figures to the Report itself, we may yet venture the statement, as based upon these facts and figures, that the Synod has good reason for encouragement, and to give, moreover, hearty sympathy, and prayers, and material help to the Board in the further prosecution of its work. Indeed, your committee is of the opinion that the work of the Board is so well in hand,

and so promising of good results, that we would suggest that this Synod move slowly and cautiously in making any new experiments in the prosecution of this great work.

With a deep sense, therefore, of the goodness and blessing of the great Head of the Church attending the work of the Board, during the past year, be it

Resolved, That this work of the Board, and through it of this Synod, be re-newedly commended to the kindly sympathy and favorable consideration of all our several Classes, pastors and people, asking of them their hearty co-operation and liberal support in the further prosecution of this work.

In the matter of the unification of the mission work of the Church under the General Synod's Board, referred to in the action of the Tri-Synodic Board, and the other communications above mentioned, your committee report that after due consideration of all these several papers bearing upon the subject, they are of the opinion that, for the present at least, it is not expedient that the Tri-Synodic Compact be broken, and the missions in which this Synod is specially interested be at once handed over to the care of the General Synod's Board; therefore

Resolved, That this Synod adopts the suggestion of the Tri-Synodic Board, namely: "That the Tri-Synodic Compact be continued for another term of four years, unless in the mean time the Synods order otherwise."

Resolved, That in case the Eastern Synod should take action materially different from that just now taken, the representatives of this Synod in the Tri-Synodic Board are hereby fully empowered to take such steps as may to them seem best for carrying forward the mission work now under the care of said Board.

Resolved, That with a view to a more equal distribution of the labors and responsibilities, and in order that they may have the benefit of the helpful judgment of a larger number of the members of the Board, as suggested by their late action, this Synod agrees to so modify the terms of the compact as that the Executive Council shall hereafter consist of six, instead of four, members.

Resolved, That the nominee of the Board, Rev. A. C. Whitmer, be accepted by this Synod as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Missions.

Resolved, That this Synod accepts the sum of \$6,500.00 for Home Missions, and \$1,500.00 for Church Building for the ensuing year, and that said amounts be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment among the several Classes.

As touching the establishing of additional Church Building Funds, the larger circulation of the *Missionary Herald* in our Sunday-schools and congregations, the introduction of a Mission Day in our Sunday-schools, and the bringing of the Classical apportionments down to the individual members—all important features in the successful working of the Board, and meeting the hearty approval of the Synod; be it

Resolved, That these several suggestions of the Board be commended to the favorable consideration of the several Classes, asking that they may take such action as will secure the desired results, and that to this end our pastors and people be urged to heartily co-operate with the Classes.

From the Report of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board we learn that whilst the amount apportioned to the several Classes of this Synod for Home Missions last year was \$6,000.00, the amount received by him was only \$4,751 43, this being \$667.99 less than the previous year.

In view of this fact, and the further statement of the Board, that its obligations for the coming year will be about \$4,000.00 above those of last year,

Resolved, That we not only commend anew this great work to the kindly sympathy and liberality of the Church, but that we also urge upon the several Classes—and pastors as well—to put forth yet more strenuous efforts to secure the full amount apportioned for the present year.

Lastly, the Board having directed the Superintendent of Missions to secure one thousand \$10.00 subscriptions as special offerings for the work of the year,

Resolved, That this Synod commends this effort to the attention of our pastors and people as essentially necessary to meet the obligations assumed by the Board.

Resolved, That a copy of this whole action be forwarded to the Tri-Synodic Board not later than the 1st of November.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In this department of our church work, as we learn from the Report of the Secretary of the Board, we are assured that great success has attended the labors of the Board during the past year. Whilst the statement of the Secretary is that because of the extraordinary expenses of the Board in the erection of the Girls' School Building and the dwelling-houses in Sendai, the treasury was so depleted that for the first time in the history of the Board they have failed to meet their obligations to the missionaries, he yet speaks of the growth of the work in Japan as "simply marvelous." For this success abroad let us give thanks. For the short-comings at home let us humble ourselves and pray for grace and strength to do more and better things. And, furthermore, knowing full well how that the Board has within itself both the will and the power to "cheer our hearts with glad tidings," if we will but give them the means, let us not fail on our part, so that the blame rest with us, if we are not cheered. Let us rather give earnest heed to their cry in distress, and, as largely as we may, lay in their hands the one thing needed—*money*—more money. It is this for which they so earnestly plead. To this end, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we urge anew upon all our congregations and people that they largely increase their contributions to the Board of Foreign Missions, praying, in behalf of the people, in larger measure, the grace of giving, and in behalf of the Board a like measure of wisdom as it cometh from above, and of like-mindedness and spirit with Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

The Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions sent along with his Report to the Synod the copy of a certain Explanatory Letter, lately published in the papers of the Church, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. W. C. Cremer, D. N. Dittmar and Elder J. A. Lefevre. This committee subsequently reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit :

Your committee, to whom was referred the paper explanatory of some matters referred to by the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in his report to this Synod, would report, that having examined the paper, and believing that the subject matter thereof does not come within the jurisdiction of this Synod, offer the following for adoption :

Resolved, That the paper be laid on the table.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. CREMER, *Chairman.*

At the election for members of the different Boards, Rev. T. J. Barkley and J. C. Bowman were elected members of the Synodic Board of Missions for the period of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Revs. T. J. Barkley and J. C. Bowman, for four years; Revs. E. R. Eschbach and W. R. H. Deatrich, for three years; Rev. L. Reiter, for two years; and Revs. J. O. Miller and J. A. Hoffheins, for one year.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The Report is as follows :

HENRY WIRT, *Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac for the year ending October 5, 1889.*

	Dr.	Received.	
From Zion's Classis for Contingent Fund		\$ 106 00	
" " " Harbor Missions		26 79	
" " " Mercersburg College		7 53	
" " " Bohemian Church		1 08	
" " " College at Wichita		15 00	
" " " Theological Seminary		7 97—	164 37
From Maryland Classis for Contingent Fund		201 00	
" " " Harbor Missions		100 00	
" " " Mercersburg College		350 00	
" " " College at Wichita		15 00—	666 00
From Mercersburg Classis for Contingent Fund		91 00	
" " " Theological Seminary		21 00	
" " " Mercersburg College		50 00—	161 00
From Virginia Classis for Contingent Fund		67 00	
" " " Mercersburg College		25 00	
" " " Theological Seminary		5 00—	97 00
From Gettysburg Classis for Contingent Fund		101 00	
" " " Theological Seminary		8 00	
" " " Harbor Missions		11 00	
" " " Mercersburg College		39 00	
" " " Bohemian Church		14 00	
" " " deficiency Virginia Classis		11 00—	184 00
From Carlisle Classis for Contingent Fund		76 63	
" " " Mercersburg College		45 01	
" " " Theological Seminary		4 77	
" " " Harbor Missions		16 61	
" " " Bohemian Church		8 76	
" " " deficiency Virginia Classis		3 94	
" " " Church Extension, Baltimore		6 69—	162 41
From San Francisco Classis Contingent Fund		5 00—	5 00
From Jnniata Classis for Contingent Fund		151 00	
" " " Theological Seminary		25 00	
" " " Mercersburg College		137 00	
" " " College at Wichita		90 66—	403 66
" " " North Carolina Classis Contingent Fund		50 00	
Total Receipts		\$1,893 44	
Balance in Treasury from last year		814 07	
			<u>\$2,707 51</u>

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Expenditures.

October 19, Rev. A. K. Klein, for expenses of Synod at Woodstock	\$25 00
October 19. Rev. Lewis Reiter, Treasurer of North Carolina Classis, being the amount in Synod's treasury collected for Mission at Roanoke, Va., now appropriated for Missions in North Carolina	426 90

October 20.	Rev. J. C. Bowman, expenses of telegrams to Synod of United States and issuing circulars last November	5 98
October 24.	G. H. Sprigg, Cashier York National Bank, on principal of note due October 28th	100 00
	Interest on balance (\$600) for four months	12 00
December 29.	Reformed Church Publication Board for printing Minutes	167 20
December 29.	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, postage on Minutes	13 00
December 29.	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, for one year interest on Stoudenour legacy for Beneficiary Education	12 00
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February 27.	Interest on Loan at First National Bank for four months	12 00
February 27.	Rev. S. S. Miller, traveling expenses to Conference of Publication Board	14 00
March 18.	Rev. W. M. Deatrick for Mercersburg College	260 76
May 10.	Rev. A. H. Kremer, D.D., traveling expenses to Board of Trustees of Seminary	3 42
May 10.	Rev. J. C. Bowman, traveling expenses to Board of Trustees of Seminary	2 85
June 5.	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, salary as Stated Clerk of Synod	100 00
June 21.	York National Bank on principal of note	50 00
	Interest for four months (leaving a balance of \$550)	11 00
July 13.	Rev. S. S. Miller, expenses attending meeting of Regents of Mercersburg College	2 50
July 17.	Rev. S. N. Callender, D.D., expenses to meeting of Publication Board	15 50
September 15.	Rev. G. E. Addams, one year's interest due April 1st, 1889, on Breckbill legacy	12 00
September 17.	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, for Mercersburg College	383 00
September 30.	John B. Roth, for Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa	70 74
September 30.	Charles Santee for Harbor Missions	160 55
September 30.	C. G. Gross, Treasurer of General Synod, for balance on Contingent assessment	200 00
	For Bohemian Church	23 84
October 2.	I. H. Keeler, traveling expenses to meeting of Board of Trustees of Seminary	8 86—
	Total expenditures	\$2,093 10
	Balance in Treasurer's hands	614 41
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		\$2,707 51

Theological Professorship Endowment Account.

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To Cash received from Rev. J. C. Bowman, Superintendent, as follows:	Martinsburg Charge	85 00
Maryland Classis:	St. Clairsville Charge	89 00
Silver Run Charge \$ 75 00	Yellow Creek Charge	213 50
Manchester Charge 44 25	Greenfield Charge	45 25
Middletown Charge 205 00	Friend's Cove Charge	278 50
Mt. Moriah Charge 202 25	Bedford Charge	34.00— 1,063 35
Jefferson Charge 42 35		
Manor Charge 241 50	Gettysburg Classis:	
First Church Baltimore Charge 149 50	Arendtsville Charge	376 50
St. Paul's Baltm're Chg 494 00	Gettysburg Charge	71 00
Boonsborough 27 50— \$1,481 35	Hanover Charge	271 75— 719 25
Zion's Classis:	Mercersburg Classis:	
Shrewsbury Charge 425 75	Chambersburg Charge	109 50
Carlisle Classis:	Shippensburg Charge	13 00— 122 50
Landisburg Charge 170 25	North Carolina Classis:	
Carlisle Charge 276 50— 446 75	Hickory Charge	5 00— 5 00
Juniata Classis:	Total amount collected	\$4,263 95
Dunning Creek Charge 207 60	Net amount of interest received on investments	1,168 94
Huntingdon Charge 73 00	Loans paid during year	2,550 00
Altoona Charge 37 50	Balance in Treasury from last year	1,234 49
	Total	\$9,217 38

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Oct. 11. To Cash for Ohio & Mississippi R. R. Bond	\$1,065 00
Nov. 26. To Cash for Certificate of Deposit . .	500 00
Dec. 1. To Cash for Certificate of Deposit . .	200 00
Dec. 20. To Cash for Certificate of Deposit . .	100 00

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Jan. 11. To Cash for Certificate of Deposit . .	300 00
Jan. 30. To Cash for Certificate of Deposit . .	250 00
March 16. To Cash for Certificate of Deposit . .	500 00
May 23. To Cash for Certificate of Deposit . .	1,000 00
May 18. To Cash for Real Estate Mortgage . .	1,000 00
May 20. To Cash for Real Estate Mortgage . .	875 00
July 17. To Cash Georgia, Nth Carolina & Northern R. R. Bond . .	1,007 50

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Aug 7. To Cash Real Estate Mortgage . .	\$550 00
Sept. 7. To Cash Central Car Trust Bond . .	1,000 00
Rev. J. C. Bowman, sundry payments for traveling and printing expenses	68 29
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Balance in Treasurer's hands October 5, 1889	\$8,415 79
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	801 59
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	\$9,217 38
Amount of Endowment Fund invested previous to Oct. 5, 1888	\$18,600 00
Invested during past year	5,797 50
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Total investments	\$24,397 50
Cash in Treasurer's hands uninvested	801 59
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Total amount of Endowment Fund .	\$25,199 09

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Hanover, Pa., October 8, 1889.

HENRY WIRT, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report, during the session of Monday evening, which was received, amended and adopted. The Report, as adopted, is as follows :

Your Committee on Finance begs leave to make the following report. The Report of the Treasurer of Synod has been audited, and found to be correct according to the vouchers accompanying it.

The following amounts were referred to the Committee for Apportionment and Assessment among the several Classes: For Home Missions, \$6,500.00; Church Building Fund, \$1,500.00; Church Extension in Baltimore, \$500.00; Beneficiary Education, \$4,000.00; Theological Seminary, \$75.00; Mercersburg College, \$300.00; and Contingent Fund, \$800.00.

We recommend the following distribution of these amounts, to wit :

Apportionment for Home Missions.—Maryland Classis \$1600, Gettysburg Classis \$1035, Juniata Classis \$1020, Mercersburg Classis \$660, Zion's Classis \$660, Carlisle Classis \$565, Virginia Classis \$510, North Carolina Classis \$300, Portland-Oregon Classis \$100, and San Francisco Classis, \$50; making \$6,500.

Apportionment for Church-Building Fund.—Maryland Classis \$350, Gettysburg Classis \$225, Juniata Classis \$215, Mercersburg Classis \$180, Zion's Classis \$180, Carlisle Classis \$150, Virginia Classis \$150, and North Carolina Classis \$50; making \$1,500.

Apportionment for Church Extension in Baltimore.—Maryland Classis \$125, Gettysburg Classis \$75, Juniata Classis \$75, Mercersburg Classis \$60, Zion's Classis \$60, Carlisle Classis \$60, and Virginia Classis \$45; making \$500.

Apportionment for Beneficiary Education.—Maryland Classis \$1175, Juniata Classis \$850, Carlisle Classis \$495, Mercersburg Classis \$450, Virginia Classis \$400, Gettysburg Classis \$350, and Zion's Classis \$280; making \$4,000.

Assessment for Contingent Fund.—Maryland Classis \$200, Zion's Classis \$105, Juniata Classis \$100, Gettysburg Classis \$100, Mercersburg Classis \$100, Carlisle Classis \$90, Virginia Classis \$60, North Carolina Classis \$50, Portland-Oregon Classis \$10, and San Francisco Classis \$5; making \$820.

Assessment for Mercersburg College.—Maryland Classis \$80, Juniata Classis \$50, Mercersburg Classis \$50, Gettysburg Classis \$40, Zion's Classis \$30, Carlisle Classis \$25, and Virginia Classis \$25; making \$300.

Assessment for Theological Seminary—Maryland Classis \$20, Juniata Classis \$13, Gettysburg Classis \$12, Mercersburg Classis \$10, Zion's Classis \$9, Carlisle Classis \$5, Virginia Classis \$5, and North Carolina Classis \$1; making \$75.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. WEBER, *Chairman.*

ARREARAGES.

Including the arrearages reported by the treasurer in his report to the Synod, the following arrearages are found resting upon the different Classes at this time, namely :

Home Missions.—Gettysburg Classis, \$524.19, Zion's Classis \$329.96, Maryland Classis \$317.16, Carlisle Classis \$258.64, and Virginia Classis \$101.36.

Church Building Fund.—Maryland Classis \$293.60, Gettysburg Classis, \$157, Virginia Classis \$140.00, Mercersburg Classis \$117.00, Zion's Classis \$101.25, North Carolina Classis \$51.50, Carlisle Classis \$45.63, and Juniata Classis \$28.00.

Church Extension in Baltimore.—Juniata Classis \$70.00, Gettysburg Classis \$60.00, Virginia Classis, \$45.00, Carlisle Classis \$36.06, and Zion's Classis \$30.00.

Beneficiary Education.—Gettysburg Classis \$344.75, Carlisle Classis \$336.96, Maryland Classis \$221.84, Zion's Classis \$211.26, Mercersburg Classis \$38.43, and Juniata Classis \$18.94.

Mercersburg College.—Maryland Classis \$225.00, Zion's Classis \$189.52, Carlisle Classis \$129.99, Virginia Classis \$115.00, and Gettysburg Classis \$99.00.

Contingent Fund.—Carlisle Classis \$73.31, Zion's Classis \$56.23, Portland-Oregon Classis \$35.00, and North Carolina Classis \$17.00.

Theological Seminary.—Zion's Classis \$90.91, Carlisle Classis \$72.01, Virginia Classis \$48.00, Maryland Classis \$40.00, Gettysburg Classis \$24.00, and North Carolina Classis \$2.00.

Harbor Missions.—Carlisle Classis \$45.04, Mercersburg Classis \$35.00, Gettysburg Classis \$27.00, Zion's Classis \$13.92, and Virginia Classis \$10.00.

Bohemian Church.—Zion's Classis \$18.92, Virginia Classis \$5.00, Carlisle Classis \$4.74, and Portland-Oregon Classis \$2.00.

Wichita College.—Zion's Classis \$401.00, Maryland Classis \$57.34, Carlisle Classis \$55.70, and Juniata Classis \$35.40.

Deficit of Virginia Classis.—Maryland Classis \$110.00, Juniata Classis \$65.00, Gettysburg Classis \$54.00, Zion's Classis \$45.00, Virginia Classis \$45.00, Carlisle Classis \$36.06, North Carolina Classis \$15.00, and Portland-Oregon Classis \$5.00.

The Classes reported in arrears on their assessments to Wichita College were urgently requested to cancel their indebtedness without further delay.

The attention of all the Classes reported in arrears was called to their arrearages, and they were requested to meet them as speedily as possible.

The requests contained in items 6, 7 and 8 of the Report on Minutes of Classes were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. S. N. Callender, J. Hessler and Elder J. Brewster. This committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted *viz.* :

Your committee, to which were referred items 6, 7 and 8 of the Report on Minutes of Classes, containing requests from Carlisle and Gettysburg Classes to release them from certain portions of their apportionments laid by the Synod, begs leave to report.

Your committee finds, upon examination, that these several requests are based upon the fact that some of their charges refuse to meet some of the items contained in their apportionments, upon the ground that they pay their contributions to the specified objects, but outside of the organized work of the Synod. In response to these requests your committee would recommend the adoption of the following minute :

This Synod is firmly convinced of the necessity of carrying on her church work in an organized form.

1st. That all members of this Synod, and the Classes comprised in it, sharing as they do in their deliberations and voting upon their deliverances, are morally and religiously bound to act in obedience to them, and to sustain their organized work.

2d. That while it is their right and privilege to contribute to outside interests, this right and privilege do not impair the paramount obligation to conform to the order adopted by the body with which they have voluntarily associated themselves.

3d. And finally, that this Synod cannot approve the principle upon which these requests are predicated, and consequently must decline acceding to them.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Chairman.*

The Ayes and Nays were required on the second deliverance of the foregoing report, with the following result, to wit :

Ayes, Rev. J. O. Miller, Elder C. A. Shultz, Revs. B. R. Carnahan, T. F. Hoffmeier, J. W. Santee, C. Clever, S. S. Miller, J. M. Mickly, E. R. Eschbach, Elders J. H. Cost, G. Harbaugh, G. S. Griffith, G. M. Harbaugh, Revs. W. C. Cremer, F. F. Bahner, J. Hassler, J. B. Shontz, W. M. Deatrick, Elders W. Boscart, L. DeRich, Revs. A. K. Kline, S. N. Callender, J. A. Hoffheins, H. St. J. Rinker, A. C. Snyder, Elder W. A. Pence, J. A. Switzer, D. S. Rentsch, W. H. Bargelt, H. J. Seibert, Revs. A. C. Geary, B. F. Bausmann, D. N. Dittmar, J. C. Bowman, Elder J. Gelbach, Revs. A. H. Kremer, J. D. Miller, Elder J. Wetzel, Revs. J. W. Pontious, C. J. Musser, R. L. Gerhart, C. W. Summey, A. T. G. Apple and Elders J. C. Sanders and J. Brewster. *Ayes*, 45.

Nays, Revs. S. M. Hench, W. I. Stewart, A. B. Stoner and Elder A. Heberlig. *Nays*, 4.

Non liquet, Revs. L. Reiter and W. H. Herbert.

The Board of Trustees of Synod failed to make an annual report to the Synod, as required by their charter.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Rev. J. T. Rossiter was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod for the term of five years, from January 1st, 1890.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. J. T. Rossiter, five years; Elder J. P. Reed, Esq., four years; Rev. D. N. Dittmar, three years; Elder H. Wirt, two years; and Elder M. E. Doll, one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Item 12 of the Report on Minutes of Classes was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. W. I. Stewart, J. B. Shontz and Elder

W. A. Pence, to ascertain whether the appeal be in order, and if found in order to furnish an order of trial. The committee subsequently reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The committee appointed to examine the appeal of J. W. Meyer from the action of the Maryland Classis, in suspending him from the ministry, would report that they have examined the documents in the case, and find that the appeal is not in order, the reasons not having been lodged with the President of the Classis within ten days, as required by Article 30 of the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,
W. I. STEWART, *Chairman.*

Item 14 of the Report on Minutes of Classes was referred to a Special Committee, composed of Revs. A. C. Geary, C. J. Musser and Elder H. J. Seibert, to examine whether the appeal be in order, and if found to be such, propose an order of trial. Subsequently the committee reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your committee to whom was referred item 14 of the Report on Minutes of Classes, report that they have examined the documents in the case, and consider the appeal in order. We recommend that the case be heard in the following order: 1. The documents relating to the case shall be read. 2. The appellant shall be allowed fifteen minutes in which to present his case. 3. The representatives of the Classis shall be granted twenty minutes to present their case, and that the appellant have ten minutes to reply. 4. The vote shall then be taken by the Synod without debate.

Respectfully submitted,
A. C. GEARY, *Chairman.*

The appeal was tried in accordance with the foregoing order, and was sustained by the Synod.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Item 13 of the Report on Minutes of Classes was referred to the same committee, and by it was reported in order, and was tried at the same time, and was likewise sustained by the Synod.

Items 15 and 16 of Report on Minutes of Classes were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. J. W. Santee, W. H. Herbert and Elder D. S. Renth. The following report was made by the committee subsequently, and was received and adopted, namely:

The committee to whom was referred the complaint of J. Fuss and D. S. Barnhart, Elders of the Greencastle charge, against the action of the Mercersburg Classis, in the case of Rev. G. B. Russell, would report, that we have examined the papers placed into our hands by the Synod, and find that the Classis failed to investigate the case according to the requirements of the Constitution of the Church. We, therefore, recommend that the case be referred back to Mercersburg Classis, and that said Classis be directed, as soon as it can be arranged, to call a special meeting to investigate the case as the Constitution of the Church directs, and adjudicate it according to its merits and the testimony to be submitted, so that the cause of truth and of justice may be vindicated, and the honor and the good name of the Church be conserved.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. SANTEE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVIII.
SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school Board presented its Annual Report to the Synod during the session of Friday forenoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: The Sunday-school Board begs leave to present the following report. The Board organized by electing Elder G. S. Griffith *President* and *Treasurer*, and Rev. E. R. Deatrick *Recording Secretary*. During the meeting of the last Synod several meetings of the Board were held, and one also in Baltimore last January, 31st. This was followed by a public meeting in the interest of Sunday-schools, in the First Reformed Church of that city, when addresses were made by Revs. D. N. Dittmar, C. Clever, M. L. Firor, L. F. Zinkhan and A. F. Schade. At our suggestion Rev. C. G. Fisher has provided a column in the *Reformed Church Messenger*, to be devoted to Sunday-schools.

During the past year our Blessed Lord has continued to prosper the work of the Sunday-school. As a factor in the Church life of to-day, it is being more highly appreciated by all, and its value acknowledged. So far as we can learn, the schools of this Synod have been uniformly successful. We believe that they are fully the equals of any in our Church. The Festivals of the Church and Children's Day are very generally observed, and with more of the spirit of worship and less attempt at spectacular effect than elsewhere. This department of the Church has generally met the claims for assistance in benevolent work.

Since 1872 the British Sunday-school Union has been accustomed to ask for union in prayer in behalf of the interests of the Sunday-school, on some day or days in October of each year. This year they ask the sympathy of ministers, teachers and scholars in this accord of prayer on Sunday and Monday, October 20th and 21st, we would therefore recommend for adoption the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod requests its congregations and Sunday-schools to unite with Christians throughout the world on those days in special prayer for Sunday-schools and their interests, as suggested by the British Sunday-school Union.

At the close of the fiscal year, October 1, 1889, the sum of \$87.76 was in the treasury of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President.*

The Board formulated a programme of service and topics for discussion at the Sunday-school Anniversary, which was adopted by the Synod and carried out, and will be found in its proper place in the Report on Religious Services.

The Special Committee, under item 13 of Report on Minutes of Synod reported, which was received, amended and adopted, as follows:

Dear Brethren: At the last annual meeting of the Synod, at Woodstock, Va., the Maryland Classis sent up an overture, calling upon the General Synod, through this Synod, to select such lessons for the Sunday-school as will harmonize with the Church Year. This overture was referred to a special committee, with instructions to report to the present annual meeting of the Synod. The following additional resolution was referred to the committee for consideration:

“*Resolved*, That the committee aforesaid be authorized and directed to

confer with representatives of other Churches having similar views and customs respecting the Church Year, and also with the International Sunday-school Committee, in order to secure unity of action to the largest possible extent."

In accordance with the foregoing action, your committee entered into correspondence with representative Sunday-school men in different Churches likely to co-operate in this movement. Our communications met with very favorable responses. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following action by this Synod:

Resolved, That in the judgment of the Synod the observance of the leading facts and festivals of the Christian year, in their proper scriptural and historical order, is a matter that far transcends in importance any advantages that may accrue from the use of any uniform series of Sunday-school lessons, such as have been presented in the schemes prepared from time to time by the International Sunday-school Committee.

Resolved, That we regret that the International Sunday-school Committee has hitherto failed to give proper recognition to the leading festivals of the Christian year.

Resolved, That the Synod respectfully overtures the General Synod to appoint a committee to confer with similar committees of other Churches, with the view to secure harmony of action in the preparation of Sunday-school lessons in accordance with the historical and scriptural order of the Church Year.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS CORT, *Chairman.*

At the election held for members of the different Boards of the Synod Elder G. S. Griffith was re-elected a member of the Sunday-school Board for the period of five years.

MEMBERS OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder G. S. Griffith, five years; Rev. C. S. Slagle, four years; Rev. E. R. Deatrict, three years; Rev. B. R. Carnahan, two years; Rev. D. N. Dittmar, one year.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The following standing rules were adopted:

Resolved, That the Classes be required to furnish the copies of their Minutes, required by the Constitution, on legal cap paper, and their statistics on the blanks adopted by the General Synod for this purpose, and to see to it that their respective Stated Clerks comply with this requirement.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerks be required to page the copies of their Minutes furnished for the use of the Synod, and also employ marginal notes designating such items as properly claim the consideration of the Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The Stated Clerk reported to the Synod that he had two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distributed them agreeably to the rules of Synod in the case. The work was performed

by the Reformed Church Publication House at the cost of \$167.20, the bill being promptly paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1888-89.

To the Synods of Pittsburgh, Potomac and United States:

The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States respectfully submits to the Synods named this its annual report:

During the year just ended one meeting was called, namely, the regular annual meeting for September 4th, 1889. In the absence of a quorum, the Executive Committee, a majority being present, authorized the officers of the Board to prepare and issue the Annual Report.

The various publications, under the existing compact with the Rev. Charles G. Fisher, have maintained their circulation and seem to meet with general approval. The chief organ, the *Reformed Church Messenger*, is not losing anything either in circulation or popularity, and the indications point to a larger increase and usefulness. The members of the Board are therefore united in their recommendation to Synods to preserve the present arrangements for its editing and general management.

The books of the publisher and lessee were duly examined and audited, and the receipts being within \$40,000 for the first year, the treasurer received the quarterly instalments of \$300, as guaranteed under the compact.

The report of the Treasurer is as follows:

DR.					
April 25th, 1888.	To cash received from Rev. Charles G. Fisher,				\$300.00
Aug. 10th, 1888.	" " "	"	"	"	300.00
Dec. 14th, 1888.	" " "	"	"	"	300.00
Feb. 6th, 1889.	" " (4 months)	"	"	"	400.00
May 20th, 1889.	" " (2 months)	"	"	"	200.00
Aug. 23d, 1889.	" " (3 months)	"	"	"	300.00
Interest received to Feb. 6th, 1889,					16.86
Total,					\$1816.86
CR.					
Feb. 6th, 1889.	By cash to Rev. Schick, expenses, . . .				\$27.50
May 20th, 1889.	By cash to G. S. Griffith, expenses . . .			7.30	— 34.80
Balance on hand,					\$1782.06

The Treasurer also reports that the interest is added to the principal at the end of each year, and is subject to like interest with the principal.

In this connection, the Board would direct the attention of the Synods to the importance and value of joining heartily in the efforts of the Publishing House to increase the circulation of the several periodicals and otherwise to support that establishment, as the direct money return to the Church will increase with its extension and prosperity.

The terms of Mr. Jas. T. Reber, of the United States Synod, and of Rev. J. M. Schick, of the Pittsburgh Synod, as members of the Board, will expire at the end of the present year. The Synods named will, therefore, at their coming sessions, fill the vacancies that will then occur.

Philadelphia, September 5th, 1889.

G. S. GRIFFITH, President.

EDWARD J. DURBAN, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication, to which the foregoing report had been referred, presented its report, during the session of Friday forenoon, which was received and adopted, to wit :

Your Committee on Publication begs leave to report, that the only paper coming into our hands was the Annual Report of the Board of Publication. From this we learn that the various publications of the Church have maintained their circulation during the year, and have been favorably received. We further learn that \$1200.00 was paid to the Treasurer by the publisher and lessee, as the result of the year's business, in accordance with the guarantee under the compact. We recommend the adoption of the following action :

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with pleasure the favorable statement of the Board as to the year's work.

Resolved, That the membership and ministry of this Synod be earnestly urged to join heartily in the efforts of the Publication House to increase the circulation of the several periodicals of the Church, and to otherwise support the establishment.

Resolved, That this Synod consents to the present arrangement for the editing and management of the *Reformed Church Messenger*, until such time as the Editorial Commission of the Synods shall elect an Editor-in-Chief.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman*.

The committee, appointed a year ago under item 16 of Report on Minutes of Synod, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the committee was continued :

Your Committee of Conference on Publication Interests, appointed at the last annual meeting of this Synod, to confer with similar Committees appointed by the Synods of the United States and Pittsburgh respectfully beg leave to report as follows :

The Committee of Conference appointed by the Synods of Pittsburgh, Potomac and the United States, to confer with reference to the sale and lease of the Publication interests of the three Synods of the Board to Rev. C. G. Fisher, met at 907 Arch St., Philadelphia, on Tuesday, December 4, 1888, at 11 o'clock, A. M. All the members were present.

On motion, Rev. S. N. Callender, D.D., was called to the chair, and Rev. A. J. Heller was elected Secretary.

Statements were heard from the members of the different committees, expressive of the sense of the several bodies represented by them in regard to the aforementioned sale and lease.

In order that the grounds and reasons for the said sale and lease by the Board of Publication might be more fully known and understood, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That Mr. E. J. Durban, a member of said Board and resident of Philadelphia, be requested to meet with the Commission this afternoon.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.

Commission met as per adjournment, and on motion, Rev. S. N. Callender, D.D., and Elders J. W. Bickel and C. M. Boush, were appointed a committee to draft a Minute expressive of the judgment of the Commission as to the legality and finality of the sale and lease of the Publication interests by the Board of Publication.

Mr. Durban met with the Commission and fully and freely stated the motives and principles which influenced the Board, and on the basis of which the sale and lease were made.

The Sub-Committee presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted, which is as follows:

The Committee appointed by this Commission to draft a minute expressive of its sense as to the legality and finality of the sale and lease of the Publication interests of the Synods of the United States, Potomac and Pittsburgh, beg leave to report the following:

After a full and free interchange of views, careful inquiry and calculation, the Commission unanimously agree that the sale and lease were the best possible which were available at the time—that the said sale and lease were strictly in accordance with Resolutions 1 and 2 as adopted by the Pittsburgh Synod in 1887, and which sale and lease was approved by the Synods of the United States and Potomac in 1888. It is the firm judgment of the Commission, that the transaction is legal and is now fully consummated and beyond recall. The Commission learned that the action taken by the several Synods and published to the Church, was regarded by the Board of Publication as a sufficient invitation for proposals for the purchase and lease of the publication interests, and that it had only the proposition of Rev. C. G. Fisher, and the reference of the one made by Dan'l Miller, Esq., by the Synods, before them

Rev. C. G. Fisher, purchaser and lessee, was then invited to meet the Commission, with a view of conferring with him and ascertaining whether he would be willing to agree to more liberal terms than the contract provides for. To which he made answer that the condition of the establishment and its business neither did nor does now warrant more liberal considerations on his part, and that he is ready and willing to surrender the whole contract and the property conveyed and let thereby at any time, if within three months' time from this date (Dec. 4, 1888), the Publication Board or the Synods will pay, or assure to him the full amount of his claim and interest in the whole concern.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That this Commission is not authorized to accept his proposition, nor would it consider it wise and prudent to do so, even if authorized; and that in view of the fact that the Publications remain the property of the three Synods, and that their income from the Publication interests, above the stipulated \$1200 per annum, is dependent upon the increase of the business, the ministers and membership of the three Synods interested be earnestly requested to extend to the establishment their cordial co-operation and liberal support.

S. G. WAGNER, T. O. STEM, JOHN W. BICKEL.	}	Synod of United States.
A. J. HELLER, C. M. BOUSH, C. R. DIEFFENBACHER.		
S. N. CALLENDER, J. O. MILLER, S. S. MILLER.	}	Synod of Pittsburgh.

S. N. CALLENDER, J. O. MILLER, S. S. MILLER.	}	Synod of Potomac.

Your Committee would beg leave further to report that in regard to its powers "as a Commission to select an editor-in-chief in conjunction with the representatives of the other two Synods," it found itself unable to give them practical effect. The resolution investing your committee with these powers, stipulates that they were to be exercised "in conjunction with the representatives of the other two Synods." (See Min. Synod 1888, page 51).

The Synod of the United States is still more explicit in limiting the powers of action of its Commission by the same condition. (See Min. United States Synod, 1888, page 78, Res. 4). It appears that the Synod of Pittsburgh expressly declined to act in the matter of an editor for the *Messenger*, (See Min. Pitts. Synod, 1888, page 40), and consequently did not appoint a commission to act in conjunction with the other two Synods. Your Committee found, therefore, that by the terms of its charter it was disqualified for action, there being no representatives of the Synod of Pittsburgh, authorized to act in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Chairman.*

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Publication from this Synod be authorized, in conjunction with the members of the Board from the other two Synods, to negotiate and contract with the person who may be chosen as Editor-in-Chief of the *Reformed Church Messenger*, for his compensation.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to have twenty-five hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions, duly authenticated, printed and to distribute the Minutes among those entitled to receive them.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder G. S. Griffith,	2 years.
Hon. John Cessna,	1 year.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Saturday afternoon the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations were ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for the opening of Monday afternoon's session. At the time designated, the election was held. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of Synod on the Reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Visitors and Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Missions, Trustees of Synod and Sunday-schools.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, under items 2 and 3, reported a statement of the workings and finances of Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf by its Superintendent, and also a similar paper from the President of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa. These items were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. W. H. Herbert, C. Clever and Elder D. Sheaffer for consideration. The committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your committee, to whom items 2 and 3 of the Report on Overtures were referred, submit the following report. They have examined the reports of the Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Homes, and have learned from them,

that these Homes are very satisfactorily managed, are doing a noble work for the orphans intrusted to their care, and deserve therefore the most hearty sympathy and substantial aid of the Church. And although these Homes have been commended to us by the General Synod, and in that form have received proper recognition, your committee still suggests, in view of the fact, that the increase of the contributions from the Church are not commensurate with the increase of the number of orphans in these Homes, that this Synod adopt the following resolution.

Resolved, That the pastors of this Synod call the attention of their people to the urgent needs of these institutions, and at least one collection a year be taken in each congregation for this object.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. HERBERT, *Chairman.*

The special committee on item 1 of the Report on Overtures presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The committee appointed to report on the Memorial Volume of the Life and Work of the late Rev. Dr. J. W. Nevin, by the Rev. Dr. Theodore Appel, offer the following. The book before this Synod is simply a specimen of the kind of paper and type, and when completed will contain seven hundred and fifty pages. It will be in different styles of binding. Your committee believe that the paper, type and mechanical execution will be all that can be desired. It would be useless for the committee to say anything of him, whose history is therein given, for Dr. Nevin is known, as a Christian philosopher and theologian, whose fame passed beyond the sea, and to give publicity to this forthcoming volume, and assist in its circulation, your committee would suggest that it be warmly recommended by this Synod to the favorable consideration of the ministry and laity of the Church, and request them to assist in giving it the circulation which it deserves.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. SANTEE, *Chairman.*

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

The following statement was laid before the Synod and was ordered to be spread upon the Minutes of the Synod, namely:

The officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, in obedience to the request of the Society and of this Synod, present for record in the Minutes of the same the following brief statement of the receipts and expenditures, during the past year, viz. :

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand as per report of Oct. 9, '88	\$2283.49
Collections during the year	1604.26
Interest from invested funds	360.52
Bequests, donations, etc.	4900.00
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	\$9148.27

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to twenty-nine annuitants	\$1610.00
Funded and invested	5166.00
Miscellaneous items	118.59
Cash on hand, Oct. 8, '89	2253.68
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	\$9148.27

The invested fund amounts to \$22,118.00.

During the past year twenty-nine annuitants have been on the roll of the Society, of which number, nine were disabled ministers and twenty were widows of deceased ministers. In the coming year two more widows will be added to the list, making thirty-one annuitants.

Most of the cash on hand will be required for the payment of the appropriations made by the Society, during the sessions of the Synod, and which will be paid to the annuitants on or before the close of the civil year.

Twelve life members have been made in the year now closed by the different Classes from the collections lifted in their churches. The past year has been the most prosperous year in the history of the Society, the Society receiving from the estate of Christian H. Wolff, a bequest of \$2,000.00, and from Elder Charles Santee, of Philadelphia, Pa., a donation of \$2,000.00 in memory of his deceased son, Joseph H. Santee. The future of the Society is bright with the promise of better and more liberal things for the needy disabled ministers and dependent bereaved widows.

Revs. W. C. Cremer, F. B. Hahn, S. N. Callender, D.D., S. L. Whitmore, B. R. Carnahan, S. T. Wagner, C. A. Santee, J. J. Crist, C. J. Becker, H. F. Sciple, E. V. Gerhart, D.D., and D. N. Dittmar were made *Life Members* during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
S. S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

The following action of last year was reiterated, to wit:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its confidence in the present management of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and unanimously commends its noble work to the liberal patronage and prayers of our entire Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the special attention of the several Classes be called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that they be requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection at least annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year.

The following action in reference to the request from Falling Waters, West Va., contained in item 11 of the Report on Minutes of Classes, was adopted:

Resolved, That the interest at Falling Waters, West Va., be referred to the Virginia Classis and the Sunday-school Board of the Synod, and that said Board be authorized to appropriate the funds in its treasury to the support of that interest.

It having been stated to the Synod that Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, a member of the Synod, had gone to the West Penn Hospital, at Pittsburgh, Pa., to undergo the amputation of his diseased leg, from which he had suffered greatly for nearly eleven months, as the only hope of restoration to health, the Synod unanimously adopted the following resolution of sympathy:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its sympathy with Brother Knappenberger in his severe affliction, and assures him of its love, and also of its prayers in behalf of his speedy restoration to health.

At Wednesday morning's session Revs. J. D. Miller, E. R. Deatrick and J. B. Shontz were appointed a reportorial committee to report the

proceedings of the Synod for the public press, which duty was carefully performed by them.

An invitation was received by the Synod to visit the Indian Training School in the immediate vicinity of Carlisle, which was accepted. The visit was made on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the members going out in hacks, kindly provided by the consistory of the Church in which the Synod held its sessions. Captain Pratt, in charge of the school, manifested marked courtesy and kindness in showing the members of Synod through the various school and trade or handicraft departments of the institution, and they were much pleased to witness the progress made by the young Indians, as wards of the nation.

Rev. Dr. Reed, President of Dickinson College, extended a cordial invitation to the Synod to visit that institution, which was accepted, the Synod in a body making the visit on Saturday morning at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock.

A delightful semi-centennial jubilee of the Ministry of Pastor A. H. Kremer, the greater portion of whose ministerial life has been spent as the pastor of the congregation, in which the Synod held its session, was observed on Friday evening. The venerable pastor's heart was filled with joy and gladness, as were also the hearts of his parishioners, the Synod likewise sharing in the gladness.

At Friday morning's session a committee on leave of absence was appointed, consisting of Revs. J. W. Pontious, S. C. Long and Elder J. Brewster. Near the hour for final adjournment the committee reported that it had granted the following members leave of absence, which was received and adopted, namely: Rev. A. Wanner and Elder G. W. Weaver, on Friday afternoon; Elders D. S. Chronister and I. H. Keefer, on Saturday forenoon; Revs. A. F. Dreisbach, S. C. Long, A. S. Weber, J. T. Rossiter, O. P. Schellhamer and Elders J. A. Lefevre, G. Butcher, E. S. Everhart, E. T. Gernand, G. R. Colliflower and J. A. Steiner, on Saturday afternoon; Rev. J. B. Shontz and Elder W. H. Bargelt, on Monday afternoon; and Rev. C. Clever on Monday evening.

Instead of making an assessment upon the members of Synod, the Treasurer was instructed to pay over to the pastor loci twenty-five dollars to defray the incidental expenses of the Synod.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, presented the following report, during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received, amended and adopted in silence as amended, the Synod rising for the purpose, namely:

To the Synod of the Potomac: Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology presents the following as its report:

During the last Synodical year four of our co-laborers in the ministry ended their work in the militant Church, and were called away by death to enter upon their rest.

REV. JACOB ZIEGLER.

Jacob Ziegler departed this life at his home in York, Pa., on Saturday, November 10, 1888, in the 80th year of his age. He was born in Rockland, Berks County, Pa., January 6, 1809. In 1837 he was licensed to preach the gospel, and was ordained to the ministry at Red Hook, N. Y. His first charge was in Chester County, Pa., where he remained but a short time. From there he moved to Bedford County, where he labored eleven years. After this he was called to the Gettysburg charge, which charge he served for sixteen years. In 1866 he accepted a call from Paradise charge, York County, Pa. On the 3d of September, 1872, he was stricken with paralysis. For sixteen years after this he was a great sufferer, particularly so during the last few months of his life. During these years he was yet a diligent student, as well as a patient child of God. At last came rest and peace.

GEORGE WASHINGTON GLESSNER, D.D.

George Washington Glessner, D.D., was born in York, Pa., April 1, 1806, and died December 8, 1888, being in his 83d year. As a young man he first sought to learn a trade, but later he entered the Reformed High School, then located at York, Pa. In due time he graduated from the Theological Seminary, under Rev. Dr. Lewis Mayer, and was licensed to preach, and was ordained to the holy ministry in June, 1832. He first became pastor of the Waynesboro' charge. He was called from Waynesboro' to the First Reformed Church of Lancaster, Pa. From Lancaster he returned to Waynesboro'. Later he was in turn called to Shippensburg, Pa., Middletown, Md., Wilkesbarre, Pa., Frederick City, Md. and Newburg, Pa. In 1875 Dr. Glessner returned to Shippensburg, where he resided up to the time of his death. From that time, though not in the active ministry, yet he was ever ready to assist his brethren in the work of the Master. Dr. Glessner was twice married—first to Miss Besore, of Waynesboro', and after her death, whilst he was at Lancaster, to Mrs. Mary Ann Cole.

REV. WILLIAM AUGUSTUS GRING.

William Augustus Gring was born in Turbot Township, Northumberland County, Pa., January 12, 1838. His parents were Rev. Daniel and Catherine Gring. In infancy he was baptized, and May 6, 1854, he became a full communicant member of the Church. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1860. He took the theological course in the Seminary at Mercersburg, Pa. In October, 1862, he was licensed to preach by the Synod which convened at Chambersburg, Pa. He was soon afterwards elected by the Synod as a tutor, and invited to travel and study in Europe. This, however, he declined, and in March, 1864, he accepted a call to the Grantsville charge, Somerset County, Pa. He was ordained on the 8th of June following. In 1865 he was called to the Harrisburg Mission, where he labored for two years. He was next, for a period of six months, assistant to Rev. John W. Steinmetz, at Danville, Pa. From October, 1869, for seven years, he was pastor of the Mount Moriah charge, in Washington County, Md. On November 20, 1873, he married Miss Emma A. Stonebraker. From 1875 to 1880 he was pastor of the Sulphur Spring Mission, in Bedford County, Pa. He had accepted a call to this place in the hope of re-establishing his impaired health. From here he was called to Emmitsburg, Md., in 1881. His last pastoral work was done here. At the end of one year he ceased from the active duties of the ministry. He spent two years in Somerset, Pa., being engaged in such business as his health might permit. In 1884 he located near Frederick City, Md. Here, in faith and patience, he waited for the end, which came on the morning of February 8, 1889. He was buried on the 11th.

REV. HENRY WISSLER.

Henry Wissler was born near Lancaster, Pa., June 5, 1831. He early consecrated his life to the Master. After due deliberation he became a student of Marshall College, at Mercersburg, and followed its removal to Lancaster, where he graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1855. He entered the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, and graduated in 1856. In October of the same year he was ordained, and entered upon the active duties of the holy ministry. He served six charges, as follows: Phoenixville, Pa., two years; Manchester, Md., six years; Shepherdstown, West Va., six years; Lovettsville, Va., two years; Duncannon, Pa., two years; and Mechanicsburg, Md., ten years. In 1884 his health failed, and he retired from the active duties of the ministry. Since then he lived near Mechanicstown. Here he bore the cross laid upon him in the spirit of that gospel he so faithfully preached. He departed this life April 13, 1889.

Respectfully submitted,
CYRUS J. MUSSER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Synod be, and are, hereby tendered to the pastor and members of the Reformed Church and other citizens of Carlisle, Pa., for the hospitable manner in which its members have been entertained while in attendance upon the sessions of the Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be returned to the Cumberland Valley, Pennsylvania, and Gettysburg and Harrisburg Railroads, for the favor of excursion rates over their respective roads in coming to and returning from the meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That Pastor Kremer be requested to read the foregoing resolution to his congregation at the next Lord's Day services, and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to transmit the thanks of Synod to the officers of the several railroads named.

The Synodical Roll was called, and no one was found absent without permission.

The minutes were then read, finally, and approved, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in the First Reformed Church of Hanover, York County, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 14th, A.D. 1890, at 7 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday night, October 14th, at 10½ o'clock, with repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

S. S. MILLER, *President.*

W.M. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

W.M. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.
CLASSIS OF ZION.

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Contributions.										POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Members.	Condg's.	Unconfr'd.	Baptism	Infra'd.	Adults	Confr'iate	Communiti	Exco'ee.	Exco'ee.	Bene'nt for Min'Y.	Cong'n J purposes.	
William M. Deatrick, D.D.	Without charge, Supply London charge, St. Paul's, Waynesboro	2	185	78	2	10	26	2	175	4	1	6	2	\$75 22
Jacob Hassler,		1	133	80	4			10	118	8	1	1	120	\$400 00
Isaac M. Motter,														Fort Louden, Franklin Co., Pa.
William C. Cremer,														do
Franklin F. Bahner,														do
Cyrus Cort,														do
G. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.,														do
George B. Russell, D.D.,														do
J. Wm. Knappenberger,														do
Simon Wolf,														do
P. Allison Long,														do
Jeriah S. Shade,														do
Jonas B. Shonitz,														do
Zwingli A. Yearick,*														do
Vacant,														do
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George R. Zacharias,														do
John M. North,														do
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* Quite recently taken charge.

† Supplied by a committee.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Contributions.										POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Con-	Inf'res.	Baptisms	Adults	Unemigr'd.	Mem bers.	Con ges.	Commu ni-	Ceremonies.	S. S. Schol.	Stu dents for Min'ry.	Purp. Cen.	Purp. Cen.	
John C. Hensell,	Superannuated,														
Henry St. Jno. Rinker,	Lovettsville,	100	113	8	1	60	3	1	75	3	1	75	\$54 00	\$183 00	Mt. Crawford, Rockingham Co., Va.
Sam'l N. Callender, D. D.,	Mt. Crawford,	174	58	10	1	142	5	3	226 00	2	2	145	226 00	500 00	Loveettsville, London
Henry Talhelm,	Edenburgh,	243	92	10	2	193	7	1	40	6	1	40	47 83	546 00	Mt. Crawford, Rockingham Co., Va.
John A. Hoffeins,	Martinsburg,	286	106	10	3	221	9	4	221	2	5	1	355 38	1543 73	Edenburgh, Shenandoah Co., Va.
Joseph S. Loose,	Disabled,														
F. E. Vandersloot,	Superannuated,	21	127	11		184	3	3	7	2	133	1	231 00	1551 00	Martinsburg, Bridgewater, Rockingham Co., Va.
Alpha K. Kline,	Woodstock,														
Elias Welty, M.D.,	Without charge,	346	77	13	5	12	326	1	6	4	216	1	155 00	967 00	Woodstock, Shenandoah Va.
A. R. Thompson,	Rockingham,	167	93	5	5	28	8	150	1	7	2	155	56 77	1043 68	Bridgewater, Va.
Addison C. Sayder,	Harrisville,	128	80	1	4	4	87		7	2	96		30 00	90 00	Timberville, Rockingham Co., Va.
John T. Balliet,	Timberville,	165	85	5		2	152		3	3	145	1	44 00	500 00	Middlebrook, Augusta do
Julius H. Shuford,	Middlebrook,	45	30			40			1	1	20				
John W. Rauch, sup.,	Smithfield,	150	121	18	5	120			4	2	175				
Vacant,	Shepherdstown,	85													
Vacant,	Winchester,	156	70	7	1	80			6	2	80				
Josiah May,	Mill Creek,														
Ministers, 15.		2256	1054	98	21	80	21	1882	19	2	6575	1535	4	\$1473 75	\$8645 75

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

MINISTERS.		CHARGES.		Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
Wm. R. H. Deatrich,	New Bloomfield,						
Sammos H. Kremer, D.D.,	Carlisle,						
George E. Adams,	Sulphur Springs,						
Wm. I. Stewart,	Mechanicsburg,						
Jilias L. Messinger,	Zion's,						
Reverend U. Mitman,	Newburg,						
Ibrahim B. Stoner,	Landisburg,						
David Miller,	Dunannon,						
Wilton H. Grob,	Without charge,						
W. B. Shafer,	Without charge,						
Total, 10.							
22 2323	1213	157	23 119 95 1922 62	176	50 21 2158	7	\$2721 76 \$10807 35

CLASSIS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

MINISTERS.		CHARGES.		Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
R. H. Stahlh,*		San Diego,		Benev.	Purple,	San Diego, Cal.	
B. Braun,		Stockton,		Coop.	Sec's.	Stockton, California.	
Theodore G. De Lyre,		Nap.,				Napa, California.	
Total, 3.							

* No statistics received.

CLASSIS OF PORTLAND-OREGON.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.													
		Contributions.					Contributions.								
Chap.	Membrs.	Condg.	Unemembrs.	Baptisms	Adults	Infcts.	Membrs.	Condg.	Chap.	Membrs.	Unemembrs.	Adults	Infcts.	Membrs.	Condg.
John Gattenbein, D. D., Jacob Millhaupt, Julius Lange, Gotfried Graedel, A. H. Baumann, Rudolph Staub, Herman Liesmann, Vacant, do	Portland, Salem, Meridian, Seattle, St. Peter's, Washouga, Glencoe, Astoria, Sandy, Waldo Hills,	1 3 1 1 2 1 1 2 1 1	76 68 48 70 98 20 24 50 1	98 63 39 80 11 8 32 67 50	26 12 3 15 8 70 27 23 60	14 54 31 43 8 70 16 24 1	16 3 1 1 5 4 5 1 1	4 1 27 1 1 5 1 1 1	50 72 27 85 53 5 1 1 41	\$ 5 75 13 75 20 26 55 30 27 00 12 50	\$470 00 400 00 261 75 285 00 328 00 24 00 150 00	Portland, Oregon. do Clackamas Co., Oregon. Seattle, Washington Territory. Mink, Clackamas Co., Oregon. Washougal, Clarke Co., Wash. T. Glencoe, Washington Co., Oregon.			
Total 7.															
		14	454	529	92	11	61	308	10	321	1711	340	\$134 56	\$1919 70	

CLASSIS OF JUNIATA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Contributions.										POST OFFICE ADDRESS.						
		Baptisms.					Contributions.											
Infants.		Adults.		Members.		By Clergy.		By Clergy.		Purps.		Students for Ministry.						
Congregati's.		Members.		Members.		Prof.		Prof.		Purps.								
Baptisms.		Infants.		Members.		Prof.		Prof.		Purps.								
Members.		Infants.		Members.		Prof.		Prof.		Purps.								
Members.		Infants.		Members.		Prof.		Prof.		Purps.								
Members.		Infants.		Members.		Prof.		Prof.		Purps.								
Members.		Infants.		Members.		Prof.		Prof.		Purps.								
Members.		Infants.		Members.		Prof.		Prof.		Purps.								
Members.		Infants.		Members.		Prof.		Prof.		Purps.								
Members.		Infants.		Members.		Prof.		Prof.		Purps.								
Members.		Infants.		Members.		Prof.		Prof.		Purps.								
Members.		Infants.		Members.		Prof.		Prof.		Purps.								
Elias D. Shoemaker, Frederick A. Rupley, D.D., Henry F. Long, David G. Klein, Andrew T. G. Apple, William A. Long, Calvin U. Heilman, Samuel C. Long, Diodorus S. Dieffenbacher, Altona, Cyrus J. Musser, Christian W. Sunmey, Joel W. Alspach, John W. Pontius, R. Leighton Gerhart, Samuel C. Slover, Samuel Z. Beam, D.D., Robert O'Boyle, Charles W. E. Siegel, Cyrus H. Reiter, Vacant, do do Lloyd E. Coblenz, Total, 19	Disabled, Without charge, Woodcock Valley, Without charge, Friend's Cove, Hickory Bottom, Water Street, Saliphur Springs, Diodorus S. Dieffenbacher, Altona, Huntingdon, Greenfield, Everett, Martinsburg, Bedford, Danning's Creek, St. Clairsville, Yellow Creek, Without charge, Obionia, Clear Ridge, Sebellsburg, Trinity,	4	425	295	15	2	28	3	415	7	5	4	300	\$100 00	\$7060 00	\$7060 00	Bedford, Bedford Co., Pa.	
		3	285	203	8	1	33	3	273	2	2	3	140	179 00	5614 00	5614 00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.	
		3	301	86	8	5	10	7	286	6	6	3	283	105 00	1282 00	1282 00	James Creek, Huntingdon Co., Pa.	
		3	412	183	25	2	27	6	374	10	6	2	190	1	672 00	1463 00	1463 00	Charlesville, Bedford Co., Pa.
		4	283	242	15	3	8	7	171	3	8	7	2	118	150 00	565 00	565 00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
		1	443	210	25	3	25	17	382	106	15	6	215	1023 00	1762 00	1762 00	Altoona, Blair Co., Pa.	
		2	430	143	7	4	21	13	385	12	8	2	339	2	419 00	2691 00	2691 00	Huntingdon, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
		4	515	516	27	1	6	10	395	3	11	4	407	1	250 00	860 00	860 00	Claysburg, Blair Co., Pa.
		3	170	97	10	7	9	142	4	3	2	180	5	146 00	961 00	961 00	Everett, Bedford Co., Pa.	
		2	305	165	13	6	22	286	13	1	2	2	255	5	491 00	1850 00	1850 00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
		1	195	85	10	2	22	24	170	5	1	1	150	1	205 00	1244 00	1244 00	Bedford, Bedford Co., Pa.
		3	277	131	15	1	6	204	7	1	3	177	1	126 00	430 00	430 00	Cesena, do	
		3	352	308	7	1	9	278	3	1	8	2	191	1	322 00	1736 00	1736 00	St. Clairsville, Bedford Co., Pa.
		4	301	176	4	1	5	9	247	3	2	4	310	1	365 00	140 00	140 00	Loysburg, Bedford Co., Pa.
																		James Creek, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
																		Orbisonia, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
																		Clear Ridge, Bedford Co., Pa.
																		Sobellburg, do
																		Altoona, Blair Co., Pa.
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